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LISTING, CLASSIFICATION AND PACKING

Infectious substances

P650

Comments on ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2006/60 (IATA)

Transmitted by the expert from the United States of America (USA)

Introduction

The expert from the United States of America has reviewed the proposal by IATA to include a reference to training requirements in Packing Instruction P650 for the transport of Biological Substances in Category B. While applying the full training requirements of Chapter 1.3 to persons involved in the transport of such materials is not considered necessary, the expert from the United States of America agrees in principle with IATA that individuals responsible for classifying the material should be knowledgeable on how to do so in accordance with the Model Regulations. An amendment to paragraph (11) of P650 is proposed to clarify that persons responsible for such classification be knowledgeable of the classification provisions of 2.6.3.2. It is understood that in practice, patients are not expected to be able to perform the classification function. Medical professionals providing the packaging to the patient for specific diagnostic tests should however be familiar with the requirements of P650 and the classification criteria in 2.6.3.2. The proposed text would not assign the classification function to a particular person but would simply clarify that in order to be eligible for the provisions of P650, the classification function would need to be performed.

Proposal

It is proposed that paragraph (11) of P650 be amended as follows:

- (11) Infectious substances shall be classified according to 2.6.3.2. Any person performing the classification function in accordance with the provisions of 2.6.3.2 shall be knowledgeable of those provisions. When packed, marked and classified in accordance with this packing instruction, infectious substances assigned to UN3373 are not subject to any other requirements in these Regulations.
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