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IBC issues

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Progress has been made during the ending biennium on the requirements for IBC's, specifically composite IBC's. Reference is made on the outcome of the informal working group meeting in Paris, October 2005 and the decisions on the introduction of the vibration test and the additional marking requirements on stacking.

However, some of the issues raised during the last meetings, the item UV-protection and limitation of permanent deformation under pressure have proved to be too complicated as to be resolved during the available time-span of this biennium.

The expert from Germany, as a consequence to the reactions on working documents ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2006/24 and ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2006/25 announced the submission of amended proposals on these issues. Time since the July meeting needed for the preparation of soundly justified proposals did not allow a submission for the December meeting.

In addition it appeared, that the provisions on routine maintenance and repair of composite IBC's have caused persistent difficulties, which to the impression of the expert from Germany, also require a review of the relevant requirements in Chapters 4.1 and 6.5.

It is therefore proposed to put the item "IBC issues" with the above-indicated aspects on the agenda of the next biennium.
