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The IAEA Transport Safety Standards Committee (TRANSSC) endorsed the proposals for change as recommended by the working group on harmonization. A Draft 2009 Edition of the IAEA Transport Regulations containing changes from the harmonization process was presented to TRANSSC in March 2007. The recommendation for restructuring the Section IV of the Transport Regulations was also addressed. TRANSSC reviewed all changes and concluded that they should be submitted to the 120-day comments period by Member States. The draft is expected to be available for comments late this year.

Also regarding harmonization and inline with the Resolution GC (50)/L.5 - by which the IAEA General Conference requested the Secretariat to develop a dialogue with the United Nations leading to the establishment of a process in which language differences between IAEA and UN Model Regulations may be reconciled - a meeting of the harmonization working group is scheduled for early September this year.

Denials of shipments

Instances of denial of shipments are continuing to be focused upon and a universally accepted approach to solving the problem has been recognized by the IAEA Director General, the Board of Governors and the General Conference. As reported in the 30th Session of UNSCETDG, the Steering Committee on denials of Shipments developed an International Action Plan to resolve issues of denials. The action plan includes regional workshops conducted by the Agency and the first workshop will take place in South America, 12 and 13 of July 2007.

The Steering Committee has held its second meeting and felt that substantial progress has been made. Over the next six months with the support of Member States and other Organizations, the Steering Committee expects to obtain sufficient information to allow proper analysis and define the next steps. The results of this analysis will be reviewed at the next meeting in January 2008.
