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Revised AEROBAL position on the alternatives to the hot water bath test

Transmitted by the International Organisation of Aluminium Aerosol Container Manufacturers
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AEROBAL and FEA representatives met in August and September 2007 to discuss the contents of the working paper ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2007/33 - (AEROBAL) Testing of aerosol dispensers.

After these constructive discussions it was decided that a task force will be established under the FEA umbrella to work on the following topics:

- Development of an industry guidance document on the “cold” alternatives laid down in chapter 6.2.4.2.2 of the UN Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
- Exploration of cold alternatives for aluminium cans because the current “cold” alternatives as stipulated in chapter 6.2.4.2.2 are not applicable to aluminium cans with relatively high test pressures (up to 18 bar) and to shaped cans
- Exploration of possible hot alternatives

AEROBAL members will actively contribute to these discussions. A meeting of the FEA Task Force is planned for the beginning of next year.

AEROBAL would like to point out that these clarifications and defined actions have removed AEROBAL’s initial doubts about the safety performance and negative competitive impacts of the “cold” alternatives as currently defined in the UN Model Regulations.

As a result AEROBAL withdraws its working paper ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2007/33.
