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**MISCELLANEOUS PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS
ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

Rebottling/ Cross Bottling of Composite IBC's Report of the correspondence working group

Transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom*

1. The Sub-Committee will recall that it was agreed at the December 2007 session to set up a correspondence working group to examine the problems associated with cross bottling of IBCs and to produce possible solutions. For the convenience of the Sub-Committee the terms of reference from INF 53 are once again reproduced below (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/64, para. 12).;

Terms of reference

A Correspondence Group coordinated by the expert of the United Kingdom, and including representatives of affected industries and users of intermediate bulk containers (IBC's), shall examine current practices of UN composite IBC re-bottling and cross bottling in several

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2007-2008 approved by the Committee at its third session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/60, para. 100 and ST/SG/AC.10/34, para. 14) (Provisions for the transport of dangerous goods in open cryogenic receptacles).

countries. This examination shall include consideration of the application of relevant parts of the Model Regulations, as well as test information, accidents, guidance materials, standards, and methods used by manufacturers, users, repairer and remanufacturer of IBC's to assure quality and production of compliant packaging. The Correspondence Group shall report to the Sub-Committee, and may make recommendations for clarification of the Model Regulations, and revisions to composite IBC marking provisions, as appropriate.

2. The expert from the United Kingdom subsequently wrote on 18 January 2008 to members of the Sub-Committee asking for details of those interested in participating and also a series of questions to help him prepare a discussion document.

3. This discussion document is reproduced as informal document INF.4 for the Sub-Committee for information. Based on what he receives by way of comments from other members of the correspondence group working group, the expert from the United Kingdom will aim to submit on its behalf an informal document for the July 2008 Sub-Committee session containing final proposals.
