



**Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification
and Labelling of Chemicals****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods****Forty-sixth session**

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Draft resolution 2015/... of the Economic and Social Council**Availability of information on “UN” containment systems
approvals****Transmitted by the expert from Belgium**

1. At the forty-fifth session, the Sub-Committee supported the proposal in informal document INF.29 for an addition to the draft resolution that is usually prepared by the Committee at the end of the biennium for submission to the Economic and Social Council (see for example Council resolution 2013/25). The aim is to enhance and facilitate international information exchange concerning UN approval marks (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2013/63, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/88, paras 71-73, informal document INF.29 submitted at the last session, and ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/90, paras 137-138).
2. The initial intent of the resolution remains to obtain the contact details of the authorities competent to authorize “UN” markings on behalf of a given country and to allow the secretariat to try to obtain those details at a global level.
3. The expert from Belgium would like to specifically thank all delegations which have provided written and editorial comments during or since the last session and the UNECE secretariat for their assistance.

Proposal

4. The expert from Belgium proposes to insert a new section B in the draft resolution, as drafted below. Sections B and C would become sections C and D, unless other substantive changes had to be made.

B Mutual administrative support for monitoring compliance of “UN” marked containment systems with the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations.

Noting with satisfaction that, due to the effective implementation of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods through national, regional and international legally binding instruments, as described in paragraph ... of the report of the Secretary-General, dangerous goods which are moved internationally have to be contained in packagings, containers and tanks bearing a “UN” mark certifying that they correspond to a design type that has been successfully tested under control of the competent authority of the State authorizing the allocation of the mark;

Noting with concern that irregularities in, or forgery of, certification of “UN” packagings have been observed in international transport, leading to the use of packagings that do not meet the required performance level and increasing the risk of serious accidents that would affect the public, workers, means of transport, properties and environment;

Recalling the basic principle laid down by the Committee that “The competent authority should ensure compliance with these Regulations. Means to discharge this responsibility include the establishment and execution of a programme for monitoring the design, manufacture, testing, inspection and maintenance of packaging, the classification of dangerous goods and the preparation, documentation, handling and stowage of packages by consignors and carriers, to provide evidence that the provisions of the Model Regulations are being met in practice.”;

Recognizing that mutual administrative assistance between competent authorities of countries concerned would facilitate investigations and improve compliance assurance, but is currently prevented due to lack of information on contact details of competent authorities at worldwide level.

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General
 - (a) To seek information from all member States of the United Nations, and other States if appropriate, on the contact details of:
 - (i) The competent authorities responsible for national regulations applicable to transport of dangerous goods by modes of transport other than by air or by sea;
 - (ii) The competent authorities (and their country identification codes) allowing, in the name of the State, the allocation of the “UN” mark on packagings, pressure receptacles, bulk containers and portable tanks;
 - (b) To develop and maintain up-to-date the lists of contact details;
 - (c) To make this information available on the website of the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Europe which provides secretariat services to the Committee; and
2. *Invites* all member States to provide the requested information.

