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**Recommendations made by the Sub-Committee on its forty-third,
forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions and pending issues: explosives and related matters**

Transition period for amendments relevant to Ammunition, Smoke, containing titanium tetrachloride

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Introduction

1. At its forty-fifth session, the Sub-Committee agreed to amend special provision 204 in Chapter 3.3 of the Model Regulations to read as follows:

“SP 204 Articles containing smoke-producing substance(s) corrosive according to the criteria for Class 8 shall be labelled with a “CORROSIVE” subsidiary risk label (Model No 8, see 5.2.2.2.2).

Articles containing smoke-producing substance(s) toxic by inhalation according to the criteria for Division 6.1 shall be labelled with a “TOXIC” subsidiary risk label (Model No 6.1, see 5.2.2.2.2).”

2. At the time, some delegations expressed concern that a transition period may be necessary given the potentially significant impact on transport of existing military stocks of such ammunition however there was no proposal made to amend the provision to include a transition so no decision could be taken.

3. Noting the proposal’s major impact relates to defense operations and the concerns expressed by some national defense authorities in ensuring uninterrupted supply of

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2013-2014 approved by the Committee at its sixth session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/84, para. 86 and ST/SG/AC.10/40, para. 14).

munitions, it is proposed that a transition period be provided before the requirement would take effect. In addition, minor editorial amendments are proposed to clarify it is the packages containing the articles that are required to be labeled and not the articles themselves.

Proposal

4. Amend special provision 204 in Chapter 3.3 of the Model Regulations to read as follows:

“SP 204 Packages of ~~A~~articles containing smoke-producing substance(s) corrosive according to the criteria for Class 8 shall be labelled with a “CORROSIVE” subsidiary risk label (Model No 8, see 5.2.2.2.2).

Effective 1 January 2019, packages of ~~A~~articles containing smoke-producing substance(s) toxic by inhalation according to the criteria for Division 6.1 shall be labelled with a “TOXIC” subsidiary risk label (Model No 6.1, see 5.2.2.2.2).”
