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**Explosives and related matters**

## **Comments on INF.45 (IME) related to proposed transition period for the use of new entries for electronic detonators**

**Transmitted by the Institute of Makers of Explosives (IME)**

### **Introduction**

1. In reference to informal document INF.45 (58th session) and comments received earlier this week, IME suggests that a new special provision be added to chapter 3.3 of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Revision of the *Model Regulations* to provide for a transition period for the implementation of new entries for electronic detonators.
2. Regarding the proposed transition period, during our drafting of INF.45, the expert from AEISG indicated to IME that their recent discussions with Australian jurisdictions indicate a variable preference for a transition period, ranging from 1 to 7 years; therefore, in paragraph 11 of INF.45, we have suggested a 5-year transition period ending 30 June 2026.

### **Proposals**

3. Add a new special provision 3xx to chapter 3.3 of the *Model Regulations* as shown below:  
3xx Articles that meet the definition for DETONATORS, ELECTRONIC as described in Appendix B and assigned to UN Nos. UN0511, UN0512 and UN0513 may continue to use the entries DETONATORS, ELECTRIC (UN 0030, UN 0255 and UN 0456) until 30 June 2026.
  4. For the Dangerous Goods List in Chapter 3.2, assign “3xx” in column (6) to: UN 0030, UN 0255, UN 0456, UN0511, UN0512 and UN0513.
  5. Reflect in the report of the 58<sup>th</sup> Session of the Sub-Committee that the Sub-Committee recommends the implementation of the new entries for electronic detonators into relevant regulations as soon as practicable.
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