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Follow-up on ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2022/33: amended proposal regarding the transport of GM(M)Os

Transmitted by the expert from the Netherlands

Introduction

1. In document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2022/33, the expert from the Netherlands proposed an alternative text regarding the transport of pharmaceutical products (such as vaccines) that contain GM(M)Os.
2. The intent of the alternative text proposed in document 2022/33 has been discussed with several delegates in the margins of the 60th session. There were some reservations among these delegates regarding the proposed alternative text.
3. After discussion, it was clear that the intent of the proposal in document 2021/38 could also be achieved in yet another alternative way, which is the new proposal set out in paragraph 5 below.
4. Since the wording “ready for use” led to confusion, it is proposed to specify this as “packed in a form ready to be administered”.

Proposal

5. Amend the following sentence in 2.9.2 as follows (adopted text underlined, new text in **bold and underlined** and deleted text in ~~strike through~~):

"Genetically modified micro-organisms (GMMOs) and genetically modified organisms (GMOs)

3245 GENETICALLY MODIFIED MICRO-ORGANISMS or
3245 GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

GMMOs and GMOs which do not meet the definition of toxic substances (see 2.6.2) or infectious substances (see 2.6.3) shall be assigned to UN 3245.

GMMOs or GMOs are not subject to these Regulations when authorized for use by the competent authorities of the countries of origin, transit and destination.

Pharmaceutical products (such as vaccines) that are **packed in a form ready to be administered** ~~ready for use~~, including those in clinical trials, and that contain GMMOs or GMOs are not subject to these Regulations.

Genetically modified live animals shall be transported under terms and conditions of the competent authorities of the countries of origin and destination."
