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Explosives and related matters:

miscellaneous

Termination of certain explosive classification approvals due to the Model Regulation Test Series 6(d) requirement

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Introduction

1. The addition of special provision 347 to UN numbers UN 0349, UN 0367, UN 0384, and UN 0481 required these explosive articles or substances to successfully pass 6(d) testing in accordance with the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria to ensure that any hazardous effects arising from functioning are confined in the package.
2. The U.S. competent authority for the transport of dangerous goods identified 2,211 explosive classification approvals for the impacted UN numbers held by 145 separate entities.
3. Approval holders were provided three options for addressing the new 6(d) testing requirement, and notified that if no action was taken by June 3, 2021, such approvals were subject to termination:
 - (a) Request their current classification be maintained based on successful completion and passing of the UN 6(d) test;
 - (b) Modify their approval to a more restrictive classification; or
 - (c) Notify that their approval is no longer in use and may be terminated.
4. We received no response concerning 484 of the identified explosive classification approvals and these approvals were terminated on June 3, 2021. Many of these approvals were held by foreign governments, and we wish to provide additional notification of these terminated approvals. The annex to this document contains a list of explosive classification approvals issued to government entities that have been terminated. If there is a need to continue transportation of the explosive articles or substances to from or within the United States approval holders may contact approvals@dot.gov for further assistance.
5. This document supports sustainable development goal 16, “peace, justice, and strong institutions.” Specifically, the proposal supports target 16.6 to “develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels.”

Proposal

6. Delegations are invited to review the information provided in the annex to this document and to share the information with appropriate inter-governmental agencies.

Annex

EX Number	UN Number	EX Approval Holder
EX2019022522	UN0349	Brazilian Government
EX2018012130	UN0349	Brazilian Government
EX2018062079	UN0349	Government of Argentina
EX2014010162	UN0349	Government of Brazil
EX2014030546	UN0349	Government of Canada, Department of National Defence (DND)
EX2015020468	UN0349	Government of Canada, Department of National Defence (DND)
EX2016010220	UN0367	Government of Chile
EX2011060808	UN0367	Government of Egypt
EX2012090400	UN0367	Government of Finland
EX2012111048	UN0367	Government of Finland
EX2013050931	UN0367	Government of Finland
EX2013050933	UN0367	Government of Finland
EX2013050934	UN0367	Government of Finland
EX2013050935	UN0367	Government of Finland
EX2013050937	UN0367	Government of Finland
EX2013050938	UN0367	Government of Finland
EX2013050944	UN0367	Government of Finland
EX2016110903	UN0367	Government of Finland
EX2016120102	UN0367	Government of Finland
EX2012111046	UN0367	Government of Finland
EX2012080134	UN0367	Government of Finland, Finnish Air Force Materiel Command
EX2012080135	UN0367	Government of Finland, Finnish Air Force Materiel Command
EX2012080136	UN0367	Government of Finland, Finnish Air Force Materiel Command
EX2012080137	UN0367	Government of Finland, Finnish Air Force Materiel Command
EX2012080138	UN0367	Government of Finland, Finnish Air Force Materiel Command
EX2013040878	UN0367	Government of Finland, Finnish Air Force Materiel Command
EX2012080132	UN0367	Government of Finland, Finnish Materiel Command
EX2012080130	UN0367	Government of Finland, Finnish Materiel Command
EX2012080133	UN0367	Government of Finland, Finnish Materiel Command
EX2012080131	UN0367	Government of Finland, Finnish Materiel Command
EX2019082696	UN0367	Government of Indonesia
EX2015100860	UN0367	Government of Israel, Ministry of Defense
EX2016110139	UN0367	Government of Oman
EX2016110837	UN0367	Government of Romania
EX2009110194	UN0349	Government of Spain
EX1996110231	UN0481	Government of Switzerland
EX2013090134	UN0367	Government of Switzerland
EX2013100569	UN0367	Government of Switzerland

EX2013120494	UN0367	Government of Switzerland
EX2013121238	UN0367	Government of Switzerland
EX2014020631	UN0367	Government of Switzerland
EX2014050390	UN0367	Government of Switzerland
EX2014080653	UN0367	Government of Turkey
EX2014080655	UN0367	Government of Turkey
EX2018042083	UN0367	Kingdom of Norway
EX2012100180	UN0349	Kuwaiti Government
EX2012100261	UN0367	Kuwaiti Government
EX2012100771	UN0367	Kuwaiti Government
EX2012101234	UN0367	Kuwaiti Government
EX2012101307	UN0367	Kuwaiti Government
EX2012110071	UN0367	Kuwaiti Government
EX2012121019	UN0367	Kuwaiti Government
EX2012121020	UN0367	Kuwaiti Government
EX2014060500	UN0367	Kuwaiti Government
EX2017070003	UN0367	Kuwaiti Government
EX2014100238	UN0367	Malaysia
EX2014100239	UN0349	Malaysia
EX1993030204	UN0384	Ministry of Defence, United Kingdom
EX2019042398	UN0367	Netherlands Government, Ministry of Defence
EX2019062134	UN0367	Netherlands Government, Ministry of Defence
EX2019052212	UN0367	Netherlands Government, Ministry of Defence
EX2019062140	UN0367	Netherlands Government, Ministry of Defence
EX2019062153	UN0367	Netherlands Government, Ministry of Defence
EX2011020522	UN0384	Netherlands Government, Ministry of Defense
EX2017040300	UN0384	Netherlands Ministry of Defense
EX2012081250	UN0367	Taiwan Ministry of National Defense
EX2013050082	UN0367	The Government of the United Arab Emirates