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Classification of articles

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Introduction

1. Within the context of the introduction of UN numbers 2337 to 2548, a new section 2.0.5 was introduced into the United Nations Model Regulations, which governs the classification of articles containing dangerous goods. 2.0.5.5 states that these articles have to be assigned to the appropriate class or division determined by the hazards present using, where applicable, the precedence of hazards table in 2.0.3.3 for each of the dangerous goods contained in the article.
2. However, the precedence of hazards table in 2.0.3.3 does not cover all classes and divisions. The assignment of an article to a class or division may as well be determined in accordance with other regulations contained in section 2.0.3. Consequently, the reference to the precedence of hazards table in 2.0.5.5 is not sufficient when applying the provisions on the classification of articles.
3. Therefore, 2.0.5.5 should be amended to reflect that other provisions of section 2.0.3 may be applied where the precedence of hazards table in 2.0.3.3 is not applicable.
4. The following proposal intends to improve the consistency and legal clarity of the Model Regulations and its application thereby promoting the building of effective, accountable and inclusive institution at all levels under the Sustainable Development Goal 16 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Proposal

5. Amend the first sentence of 2.0.5.5 as follows (new text is underlined):
“Articles containing dangerous goods shall be assigned to the appropriate Class or Division determined by the hazards present in accordance with 2.0.3 and using, where

* A/77/6 (Sect. 20), table 20.6



applicable, the Precedence of Hazards table in 2.0.3.3 for each of the dangerous goods contained in the article.”
