



Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

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Listing, classification and packing

Infectious substance transport

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I. Introduction

1. For the last 20 years, and also during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sub-Committee has held several discussions on infectious substance transportation challenges in using the *Model Regulations* and transporting infectious substances.
2. Given that infectious substance transport regulations have matured over the years, COSTHA, DGTA and FAO believe they can be successfully updated with lessons learned.

II. Proposal for a lunchtime working group

3. COSTHA, DGTA and FAO would like to propose a lunchtime working group for the sixty-third session. We request the discussion be held on day 4 (Thursday, 30 November 2023).
4. Topics that may be addressed:
 - (a) Managing the indicative list of category A pathogens;
 - (b) Removal of the technical name requirement for UN 2814 and UN 2900 from shippers declaration;
 - (c) Packing instruction P650 restriction in UN 3373 and lithium batteries (other dangerous good) in the same package;
 - (d) Used medical device exception not applicable with lithium batteries (other dangerous good) are in the same package;
 - (e) Dry shipper (special provision 346) to transport UN 3373; and

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



(f) Packing instruction P650 (6) and 6.3.5.3 versus packing instruction P650 (9) and 5.5.3 – test requirements.
