



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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Recommendations made by the Sub-Committee at its sixty-second, sixty-third and sixty-fourth sessions and pending issues:

Explosives and related matters:

Miscellaneous

Proposal to change the name of the Working Group on Explosives into the Working Group on Energetics

Transmitted by the Chair of the Working Group on Explosives (EWG)*

I. Introduction

1. During the sixty-fourth session of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, the members of the Working Group on Explosives (EWG) discussed whether the name of the working group fully reflected the range of topics and types of materials referred to them by the Sub-Committee.

II. Discussion

2. The EWG's members identified that in addition to substances and articles expected to fall within Class 1 for transport, the EWG is often called upon to consider unstable substances and organic peroxides as well as other materials that have energetic properties. These other materials include some fertilisers, oxidisers and articles containing explosive substances that have been assigned to a class other than Class 1.

3. The members of the EWG identified that the current name of the group:

(a) does not fully recognise the contribution that experts in classes other than Class 1 make to its work; and

(b) means that members of the wider dangerous goods community who are involved in regulating the transport of energetic substances may not recognise the contribution that they could make to the work of the EWG and the Sub-Committee.

* A/78/6 (Sect. 20), table 20.5.



III. Proposal

4. The Working Group on Explosives proposes that in future it is known as the Working Group on Energetics retaining the same acronym “EWG”.

IV. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

5. The work of the EWG is focused on contributing to Sustainable Development Goal 16, *Peace, justice and strong institutions*.

6. In particular by providing greater clarity on the role of the EWG the change of name will contribute to SDG targets:

(a) *Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels* (SDG 16.6); and

(b) *Broaden and strengthen the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance* (SDG 16.8).
