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DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS  
ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Use of packagings and IBCs

Transmitted by the Expert from Germany

Introduction

In Chapter 4.1 (use of packagings and intermediate bulk containers (IBCs)) in Note 2 (Explosives, self-reactive substances and organic peroxides) it is stated that:

“Unless specific provision to the contrary is made in these Regulations, the packagings used for goods of Class 1, self-reactive substances of Division 4.1 and organic peroxides of Division 5.2 shall comply with the provisions for the medium danger (Packing Group II) category.”

The Expert from Germany is of the opinion that concerning the **testing of a packaging** (testing according to packing groups I, II or III; packing codes X, Y Z) there is no necessary relation to the requirements that for the abovementioned classes **for safety reasons the use of packagings with confinement characteristics should be prohibited.**

Not to admit tested and approved packagings of the code X (packing group I) for the above- mentioned classes leads, for safety reasons, to the non-acceptable situation that these packagings shall not be used irrespective of their material although they have a higher standard of testing.

**Proposal**

Amend “Note 2: Explosives, self-reactive substances and organic peroxides” as follows:

“Unless specific provision to the contrary is made in these Regulations, the packagings used for goods of Class 1, self-reactive substances of Division 4.1 and organic peroxides of Division 5.2 shall comply **at least** with the provisions for the medium danger (Packing Group II) category.”

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