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

Packagings

"W" Marks for Large Packagings

Transmitted by the Expert from the United Kingdom

Background

During the last biennium a proposal from the expert from the USA was adopted to align the marking provisions for IBCs with those of packagings by including a provision for a "W" mark. This would permit the use of equivalent IBCs which, although of the same type indicated by the UN packaging Code, are different from that in 6.1.4 and is considered equivalent under the requirements of 6.1.2.

The expert from the UK now believes that it is appropriate that equivalent provisions should be adopted in respect of the use of large packagings. In order to achieve this the following proposal is made.

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Proposal

Add the following paragraphs:

"6.6.1.3 The requirements for large packagings in 6.6.4 are based on large packagings currently used. In order to take into account progress in science and technology, there is no objection to the use of large packagings having specifications different from those in 6.6.4 provided they are equally effective, acceptable to the competent authority and able successfully to withstand the tests described in 6.6.5. Methods of testing other than those described in these Regulations are acceptable provided they are equivalent."

"6.6.2.2 The letter "W" may follow the Large Packaging code. The letter "W" signifies that the large packaging, although of the same type indicated by the code, is manufactured to a specification different from those in section 6.6.4 and is considered equivalent in accordance with the requirements in 6.6.1.3."

Note: The new 6.6.1.3 is the equivalent of 6.1.1.2 and 6.5.1.1.2
The new 6.6.2.2 is the equivalent of 6.1.2.4 and 6.5.1.4.4.
