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CLASSIFICATION CODES

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The RID/ADR Joint Meeting adopted the concept of classification codes in Part 2 and Part 3 of the restructured RID/ADR. The codes as proposed (apart from Class 2) are indicated by letters : A, B ,C, D etc.

The meaning of these letters differs from Class to Class, for example :

Class 4.3 : "F" means water reactive and toxic

Class 5.1 : "F" means oxidizing and corrosive

Class 2 : "F" means flammable.

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It is possible however to use letters which have a meaning of their own.

As in Class 2, it is possible to use letters in order to identify the hazard. As a minimum the following letters can be used :

| letter | hazard |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| F | Flammable |
| S | Spontaneous combustion |
| W | Water-reactive |
| O | Oxidizing |
| T | Toxic |
| I | Infectious |
| R | Radioactive |
| C | Corrosive |
| M | Miscellaneous |

In addition, it might be useful to use several other letters or combinations of letters, for example :

| | | | |
|-----------|-----------|---|---------------------------------|
| Class 4.1 | DE | = | Desensitized Explosives |
| | SR | = | Self-Reactive substances |
| Class 5.2 | OP | = | Organic Peroxide |

In the addendum to this document the results for Part 2 of the restructured RID/ADR are shown for all Classes. For other parts consequential amendments are necessary. For Class 1 and Class 2 no changes are proposed.

It is proposed to use the above mentioned letters for the classification codes.
