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

Listing and classification

Cargo transport unit under fumigation

Transmitted by the expert from Belgium

Background

1. At the July session of the UN Sub-Committee, the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) proposed six new entries to the Dangerous Goods List (UN/SCETDG/16/INF.16). One of these was “CARGO TRANSPORT UNIT UNDER FUMIGATION”.
2. Several experts were of the opinion that this proper shipping name could lead to confusion. Parts of it have a well-defined significance that is different from one modal regulation to the other :
 - in the IMDG Code, a “CARGO TRANSPORT UNIT” is “a road freight vehicle, a railway freight wagon, a freight container, a road tank vehicle, a railway tank wagon and a portable tank” ;

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- in ADR and RID, a “TRANSPORT UNIT” is defined as “a motor vehicle without an attached trailer, or a combination consisting of a motor vehicle and an attached trailer”.
3. It has been decided recently that fumigated transports are to be introduced into ADR/RID regulations, and it would be unclear to a lot of European users whether the proposed proper shipping name includes containers under fumigation.

Proposal

4. To eliminate all possible confusion, the use of the words “transport unit” should be avoided in the proper shipping name. Therefore, Belgium proposes to replace the proposed “CARGO TRANSPORT UNIT UNDER FUMIGATION” with “FUMIGATED UNIT”.
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