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HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

**Sub-Committee of Experts on the
Transport of Dangerous Goods**
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PACKAGINGS

Miscellaneous proposals Chapters 4.1, 6.1, 6.5, and 6.6

UN 2956 Musk Xylene P 409

Transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom

Background

1. The expert from the United Kingdom wishes to draw to the attention of the Sub-Committee anomalies associated with the assignment of UN 2956, 5-tert-BUTYL-2,4,6-TRINITRO-m-XYLENE (MUSK XYLENE) to Packing Instruction P 409 together with Special Provisions 133 and 181.
2. Although not a desensitised explosive, UN 2956 is assigned to Division 4.1 and to Packing Instruction P 409. The various packaging types in P 409 were deliberately chosen as being “soft” packagings which reduce the risk of confinement in the event of explosion. The anomalies arise with the linking of Special Provisions 133 and 181 which address labelling requirements. SP 133 dispenses with the explosives label when packed in accordance with P 409. As only P 409 packagings can apply to this substance, the wording of SP 133 is superfluous for this entry. SP 181 permits the Competent Authority to dispense with the explosives label when the substance in the package does not exhibit explosive behaviour. The substance can only be assigned to P 409 if there is no explosive behaviour and hence SP181 is also superfluous.

3. This anomaly has been addressed in RID/ADR by deleting both SP 133 and SP 181 from UN 2956 in the Dangerous Goods List. Since SP 133 is only assigned to UN 2956 in the Model Regulations, it is proposed that this be deleted from the list of Special Provisions in Chapter 3.3.

Proposal

Delete SP 133 and SP 181 against UN 2956 in the Dangerous Goods List in Chapter 3.2 and delete SP 133 from the list of Special Provisions in Chapter 3.3.
