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LISTING AND CLASSIFICATION

Miscellaneous amendment proposals

Amendment to Special Provision 296

Transmitted by the expert from the United States of America

Introduction

1. Special Provision 296 is assigned to UN 3072, LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES NOT SELF-INFLATING containing dangerous goods as equipment and UN 2990 LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES SELF-INFLATING. The special provision specifies the contents that are appropriate for articles transported as life saving appliances. There are a number of self-inflating life saving appliances in use that incorporate cartridges containing small quantities of explosives (e.g. UN 0012, Cartridges, small arms) that are incorporated into the self-inflating mechanism. On this basis, it is proposed that special provision 296 be amended to cover life-saving appliances such as self-inflating slides used for evacuation purposes, personal flotation devices used for boating safety and avalanche backpacks used by skiers.
2. While packing instruction P905 indicates that small quantities of dangerous goods in Class 3 or Divisions 4.1 and 5.2 may be contained in the life-saving appliances, this is not indicated in SP 296. Furthermore, small quantities of Class 8 solids and Class 9 substances should also be allowed.
3. It is also proposed to add text to clarify when UN 3072 should be used and when UN 2990 should be used.

Proposal

4. Amend Special Provision 296 as follows:

"296 These entries apply for life-saving appliances such as life rafts, personal flotation devices and self-inflating slides. UN 2990 applies for self-inflating appliances and UN 3072 applies for life-saving appliances that are not self-inflating. Life-saving appliances may contain:

- (a) Signal devices (Class 1) which may include smoke and illumination signal flares packed in packagings that prevent them from be inadvertently activated;
 - (b) For UN 2990 only, cartridges, power device of Division 1.4S may be contained for purposes of the self-inflating mechanism and provided that the quantity of explosives per appliance does not exceed 3.2 grams;
 - (c) Division 2.2 compressed gases;
 - (d) Electric storage batteries (Class 8) and lithium batterie s (Class 9);
 - (e) First aid kits or repair kits containing small quantities of Class 3, Division 4.1, Division 5.2, Class 8 (solids only) or Class 9 substances; or
 - (f) Not more than 30 "strike anywhere" matches packed in packagings that prevent them from be inadvertently activated."
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