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**Sub-Committee of Experts on the
Transport of Dangerous Goods**
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NEW PROPOSALS

Outstanding issues

Vibration test: exemption of already approved packagings

**Transmitted by the European Secretariat of Manufacturers of Light Metal Packaging
(SEFEL)**

When informal document INF.63, which was the revised proposal ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2002/17 of the United States of America, was discussed at the twenty-first session of the Sub-Committee, it remained unclear as to how far already approved packagings would need to be submitted to an additional vibration test.

Since incidences of damages caused by vibration during the real everyday transport of dangerous goods have not been registered up to now, additional tests can be regarded as unnecessary. Such tests would mean a considerable effort for the industry concerned.

The approved packagings have for years already successfully and continuously resisted the challenges of transportation without vibration-related damage. So it is superfluous to submit such packagings to a further vibration test in a laboratory.

SEFEL therefore proposes that existing, approved packagings be exempted from any need for retrospective vibration performance testing.