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LISTING, CLASSIFICATION AND PACKING

Amendment to Packing Instruction P620

Transmitted by the expert from the United States of America

Background

1. This document proposes to amend Packing Instruction P620 consistent with the provisions of P650 to allow for up to 30 ml of substances of Classes 3, 8, or 9 to be contained within each primary receptacle.
2. Currently, Packing Instruction P650 paragraph (13) states the following:

“Other dangerous goods shall not be packed in the same packaging as Division 6.2 infectious substances unless they are necessary for maintaining the viability, stabilizing or preventing degradation or neutralizing the hazards of the infectious substances. A quantity of 30 ml or less of dangerous goods included in Classes 3, 8 or 9 may be packed in each primary receptacle containing infectious substances. When these small quantities of dangerous goods are packed with infectious substances in accordance with this packing instruction no other requirements in these Regulations need be met.”

3. It is proposed that this exception should also be included in Packing Instruction P620, on the basis that similar substances are often used to stabilize Category A infectious substances. It is noted that the provisions of Packing Instruction P620 are more severe than those of P650 and as such the addition of this provision to P620 is simply a matter of consistency. However, the wording of the last sentence is slightly revised to ensure that it is clear that the exception from all other requirements applies only to the additional dangerous goods and not to the infectious substances themselves. This is necessary because for Category A infectious substances, requirements *other than those* contained in Packing Instruction 620 apply, which is not the case with Biological Substances of Category B which may be transported *solely* in accordance with the requirements of Packing instruction P650.

Proposal

4. Amend Packing Instruction P620 by adding the following new additional requirement as follows:

“4. Other dangerous goods shall not be packed in the same packaging as Division 6.2 infectious substances unless they are necessary for maintaining the viability, stabilizing or preventing degradation or neutralizing the hazards of the infectious substances. A quantity of 30 ml or less of dangerous goods included in Classes 3, 8 or 9 may be packed in each primary receptacle containing infectious substances. These small quantities of dangerous goods of Classes 3, 8 or 9 are not subject to any additional requirements of these regulations when packed in accordance with this packing instruction.”.
