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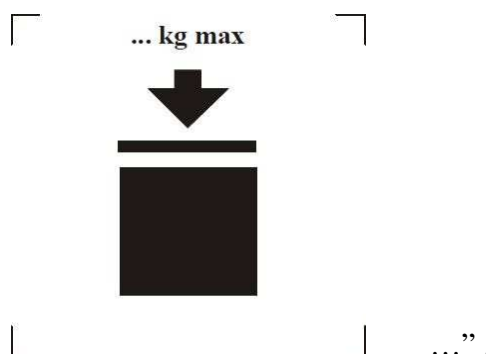
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**MISCELLANEOUS PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL
REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

Safe stacking load on IBCs

Transmitted by the International Confederation of Plastics Packaging Manufacturers (ICPP)¹

1. On the basis of proposal ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2006/30 by the expert from the United Kingdom the Sub-Committee decided in July 2006 to introduce a new paragraph 6.5.2.2.2 to read: “6.5.2.2.2 The maximum permitted stacking load applicable when the IBC is in use shall be displayed on a symbol as follows:



1 In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2009-2010 approved by the Committee at its fourth session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/68, para. 118 (d) and ST/SG/AC.10/36, para. 14).

This proposal from the United Kingdom was based on the outcome of the informal working group on IBCs session held in Paris from 10-13 October 2005 and the subsequent Sub-Committee session in December 2005.

2. The new stacking load symbol in 6.5.2.2.2. already causes misinterpretations despite the fact that the symbol is binding only from 1 January 2011. The existing practice of multiple stacking of IBC's in warehouses has been put in question by IBC users and control bodies.

Bearing in mind that the Model Regulations are intended only for transport and not for storage, the phrase "when the IBC is in use" in 6.5.2.2.2 is a source of misunderstandings for users of IBCs outside the transport chain.

3. To avoid these misunderstandings in future, ICPP proposes to amend the first sentence in 6.5.2.2.2 and the symbol.

Proposal:

4. Amend 6.5.2.2.2 to read as follows:

"6.5.2.2.2 The maximum permitted stacking load applicable for the IBC during transport shall be displayed on a symbol as follows:

