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NEW PROPOSALS

<u>Proposal of amendment to Chapter 3.2 (Table A)</u>

<u>Special Provision 274 for hydrocarbons</u>

<u>Transmitted by the European Council of Chemical Manufacturers'Federation (CEFIC)) */</u>

SUMMARY	
Executive Summary:	The proper shipping name for a number of hydrocarbons does not need to be supplemented with a technical name
Action to be taken:	Remove reference to Special Provision (SP) 274 for a number of UN entries for hydrocarbons
Related documents:	None

<u>Introduction</u>

According to column 6 of Chapter 3.2 (Table A) SP 274 applies to

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- UN 1268 (Petroleum distillates or Petroleum products)
- UN 2319 (Terpene hydrocarbons)
- UN 3295 (Hydrocarbons, liquid)

SP 274 requires that the provisions of 3.1.2.6.1 apply i.e. the proper shipping name has to be supplemented with the technical name.

Proposal

Remove the entry of SP 274 in column 6 for UN numbers 1268 – 2319 – 3295.

Justification

These substances are hydrocarbons that are usually isolated via fractionation and must therefore be considered as a mixture of several components. As they cannot be specified in more detail, the proper shipping name already represents a technical name.

Already for the moment, SP 274 is not required for similar entries such as

- UN 1136 (Coal tar distillates)
- UN 1999 (Tars liquid)

Furthermore SP 274 is not a requirement in the UN Model Regulations, the IMDG code. Therefore the removal of SP 274 for these substances will lead to further harmonisation.

Safety implications

None.

Feasibility

No problem.

Enforceability

No problem.

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