
Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

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Listing, classification and packing: miscellaneous

Comments on document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2011/27

Transmitted by the expert from Germany

Background

1. The amendments as proposed in document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2011/27 can be supported. But the text could be further improved in order to clarify how to handle blood samples taken *in connection* with the collection of blood or blood components for transfusion or explant of tissues or organs for transplantation. Whenever blood or blood components are collected, a minor blood sample is taken from the blood donor at the same time to test the blood before transfusion. The likelihood of contained pathogens is therefore the same as for the blood and blood components which are used for transfusion. The blood sample is necessary for the transfusion, but the sample itself is not transfused. This is also valid for blood samples taken from organ donors

Proposal

2. Adopt the text in document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2011/27 with the following modification:

2.6.3.2.3.7 7 Blood or blood components which have been collected for the purposes of transfusion or for the preparation of blood products to be used for transfusion or transplantation and any tissues or organs intended for use in transplantation as well as the blood samples drawn for laboratory testing in order to qualify the respective blood, blood component, tissue or organ for processing, transfusion or transplantation, respectively, are not subject to these Regulations unless they meet the criteria for inclusion in another class.