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PROGRAMME OF WORK

Programme of work for the 1999/2000 biennium and related proposals

Miscellaneous amendments for packing specifications

Transmitted by the Expert from Germany

Mixed packing

Provisions for mixed packing of different dangerous goods in inner packagings of combination packagings or large packagings, which take into consideration different hazard potentials of the individually packed goods, are not subject to the Packing Instructions proposed by the informal Working Group on Packing Instructions (see document ST/SG/AC.10/1998/16).

The expert from Germany proposes to include provisions concerning mixed packing in the packaging requirements of the Model Regulations to harmonise the differing requirements of the various modal regulations and to facilitate world-wide transport. Existing provisions of RID/ADR, the IMDG Code and the ICAO Technical Instructions should be taken into consideration.

Specifications for absorbent and cushioning materials

The character, quantity and properties of the absorbent and cushioning materials should be taken into consideration to develop a suitable definition and clear quality requirements.

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