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## COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

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### WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

#### Development of provisions for the transport of gases .

#### Comments on ST/SG/AC.10/ 2000/30, Cryogenic receptacles

#### Transmitted by the Expert from the United Kingdom

1. The expert from the United Kingdom recalls paragraph 5 of the report of the Working Group on Gas Receptacles and Multiple Hement Gas Containers (MEGC's), ST/SG/AC.10/C.36/36 Annex 1. Here the Working Group stated that 'standards for.... cryogenic receptacles.... would not be at a sufficiently advanced stage to be included this biennium so they were provisionally deleted from the text and the relevant provisions reserved'.
  2. The expert from the United Kingdom notes the subsequent comments and proposals in ST/SG/AC.10/2000/30, transmitted by the representative of the Compressed Gas Association ,on standards for cryogenic vessels.
  3. The expert from the United Kingdom welcomes the initiative of the Compressed Gas Association but feels that the proposal is not sufficiently well developed to change the conclusion of the Gases Working Group. For example the proposals for 6.2.1.1.6 contain notes which are not normally included in regulatory text. The proposal applies to a limited range of gases, omitting at least 10 relevant UN numbers in Packing Instruction P203. Basing text on the ICAO TI's, which do not permit the transport of refrigerated flammable gases, does not seem entirely appropriate. There are numerous references in the draft text to packagings. Particular instruction 203 (b) in the Packing Instruction addresses flammable refrigerated liquefied gases, which are not included in the proposal itself.
  4. The expert from the United Kingdom therefore proposes that provisions for cryogenic vessels be deferred to the next biennium when they could be considered more fully.
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