

DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL

Frankfurt, 16 to 20 September 2002

Agenda Item 2: Development of recommendations for amendments to the Technical Instructions for incorporation in the 2005/2006 edition

SPECIAL MARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL PACKAGING - INTERNATIONAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION CODE, PART 5; 2.4.5 (b) (iii)

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 In addition to other package markings Part 5;2.4.5 (b) (iii) requires the shipper to mark Type IP-2, Type IP-3 or Type A packages with the Vehicle Registration Code (VRI Code) of the country of origin of design as indicated below:

“5;2.4.5 (b) Each package which conforms to:

- (iii) an Industrial Package Type 2, and Industrial Package Type 3 or a Type A package design must be legibly and durably marked on the outside of the packaging with the international vehicle registration code (VRI Code) of the country of origin of design and the name of manufacturers...”

1.2 VRI Codes are prescribed in Annex 3 to Article 37 of the United Nations Convention on Road Traffic, 8 November 1968, which states:

“Distinguishing Sign of Motor Vehicles and Trailers in International Traffic

The distinguishing sign referred to in Article 37 of this Convention shall consist of one to three letters in capital Latin characters. The letters shall have a height of at least 0,08 m and their strokes a width of at least 0,01 m. The letters shall be painted in black on a white ground having the shape of an ellipse with the major axis horizontal.”

1.3 Displaying on an outer packaging the marks prescribed in Annex 3 to Article 37 of the United Nations Convention on Road Traffic, 8 November 1968 at their prescribed height and width would cover much of the surface of a minimum dimension package (ICAO TI's Part 6;7.6.2 , - Type A package must not be less than 10 cm). This would leave little room for other markings and labelling as required under the ICAO TI's.

1.4 Also it is believed that the ellipse prescribed in the same Annex is not generally applied to Industrial Package Type 2, Industrial Package Type 3 and Type A packages.

2. **PROPOSAL**

2.1 As this provision affects the marking of all Radioactive Industrial Package Type 2, Industrial Package Type 3 and Type A packages the Panel should consider referring this issue back to the IAEA for clarification.

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