

## **DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL**

**Dubai, 31 March to 4 April 2003**

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

#### **SPECIAL PROVISION A32**

(Presented by P Steele)

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Special Provision A32 states that Air Bags installed in vehicles or in completed vehicle components such as steering columns, door panels, seats etc, are not subject to these Instructions. This provision reflects Provision 289 of the UN Model Regulations.

1.2 We have been asked by a senior supply employee of a multi-national car manufacturer to explain the rationale behind this SP. When the seat is installed in a vehicle, the vehicle is declared DG and everyone will hopefully be aware of the presence of batteries, fuel, air bags etc. When the air bag is consigned on its own, it must be consigned as declared DG, i.e. UN0503 or UN3268. Yet, if installed in a completed component such as a seat, according to SP A32, it can be consigned without any indication of the presence of the air bag.

1.3 We were unable to provide a logical response.

#### **2. PROPOSAL**

2.1 There is no specific proposal. Panel members are asked to provide clarification if possible.

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