DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP) MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 7 to 11 November 2010

- Agenda Item 2: Development of recommendations for amendments to the *Technical Instructions* for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284) for incorporation in the 2013/2014 Edition
 - 2.3: Part 3 Dangerous Goods List, Special Provisions and Limited and Excepted Quantities

UN NUMBER FOR ID 8000 CONSUMER COMMODITIES

(Presented by CEFIC)

SUMMARY

This paper is a thought starter to discuss the possibility of proposing the introduction of a new UN number for "ID 8000 Consumer Commodities" at the UN Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This paper is a thought starter to readdress the possibility of introducing a new UN number for the last remaining ID number, ID 8000, Consumer Commodity, to the UN Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.
- 1.2 First of all it has to be underlined that the regulations behind this ICAO-specific entry are still enormously important for industry in order to facilitate air shipments with different consumer goods according to the rules and definitions in the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284).
- 1.3 With the reformatting of the Packing instructions in the Technical Instructions and the conversion of Packing Instruction 910 to Packing Instruction Y963 together with the new marking requirements according to the 16th Revised Edition of the UN Model Regulations (generic mark for limited quantity with a "Y" in the centre), packagings containing consumer commodities are compatible for the transport as limited quantities in other modes of transport.
- 1.4 However, beside the fact that having a last remaining ID number is leading to editorial problems within the Technical Instructions and to additional training requirements for the users of the

Technical Instructions, it will also cause difficulties in other modes where a shipping document is required (e.g. the IMDG-Code, even for short sea crossings). Instead of using the ID 8000, Consumer commodity entry, which is also a marking on the outside of the combination packaging, detailed information about the content has to be given.

2. **ACTION BY THE DGP-WG**

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to discuss possible solutions in order to propose a new entry for consumer commodities in the Dangerous Goods List of the Model Regulations during the next biennium (2011/2012) of the UN Sub-committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

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