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United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

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<u>Draft amendments to the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods</u> <u>Chapter 3.4 – Limited Quantities</u>

Transmitted by the International Chemistry Council of Associations (ICCA)

BACKGROUND

Australia, Sweden, and Germany have submitted document ST/SG/AC.10/2000/10 raising concerns with identification of transport units containing limited quantities.

INTRODUCTION

ICCA has the following concerns with the proposals in document ST/SG/AC.10/2000/10:

The global chemical industry views the proposal as incomplete because it proposes a new placard containing the letters LQ for transport units containing mixed classes of dangerous goods however does not indicate placarding for transport units containing one class of dangerous goods. ICCA believes that identification of limited quantities should be consistent regardless of whether one class of dangerous goods is being transported or more than one class.

PROPOSAL

ICCA agrees with what we believe is the principal goal of this proposal which is to establish a unique placard for identifying limited quantities when deemed appropriate by either a modal organisation or national or regional governments. Therefore, we propose the following revision and request the Committee to consider this language for adoption into the UN Model Regulations:

"For limited quantities, when a transport unit is required by modal organisations and/or national or regional regulations to be identified, the means of identification should be a placard as shown in Figure xx of paragraph 5.3.1.2.2."

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"5.3.1.2.2 For dangerous goods in limited quantities the placard shall have minimum dimensions of 250 mm x 250 mm, with a line in black -----, etc."

"Figure xx



Background white, the letters LQ in black; the letters LQ should be -----, etc."