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**RECOMMENDATION No. 21,
CODES FOR TYPES OF CARGO, PACKAGES AND
PACKAGING MATERIALS**

Approved by the Information Content Management Group (ICG)

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I. PREAMBLE

The United Nations through UN/CEFACT (United Nations Centre for the Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business) supports activities dedicated to improving the ability of business, trade and administrative organisations, from developed, developing and transitional economies, to exchange products and relevant services effectively. Its principal focus is to facilitate international transactions, through the simplification and harmonization of procedures and information flows.¹

The UN/CEFACT work-program emphasises the need for developing recommendations, which simplify and harmonize the current practices and procedures used in international transactions. Within this context, the role of the UN/CEFACT Information Content Management Group (ICG) is to secure the quality, relevance and availability of code sets and code structures to support the objectives of UN/CEFACT, including managing the maintenance of UN/ECE Recommendations related to codes. The ICG prepared this latest revision of the code list for Recommendation 21.

The attached revision supersedes and replaces the code list released with the fourth revision of Recommendation 21 (ECE/TRADE/309) approved by the ICG, in May 2002.

II. CODE LIST PRESENTATION

1. The code list is presented with the following columns:

Status

An indication of the maintenance status of individual entries in the code list.

- a plus sign (+) Added. New unit added in this release of the code list
- a hash sign (#) Changed name. Changes to the unit name in this release of the code list
- a vertical bar (!) Changed characteristic(s). Changes other than to the unit name in this release of the code list, e.g. a change to the numeric code

- a letter X (X) Marked as deleted. Code entries marked as deleted will be retained indefinitely in the code lists. When appropriate, these entries may subsequently be reinstated via the maintenance process
- an equals sign (=) Reinstated. Code entries previously marked as deleted and reinstated in this release of the code list

Code

2 character alphanumeric code value

Code name

Code value name

Numeric code value

2 digit numeric code value as represented by the pictorial symbols in Annex IV of Recommendation 21.

III. MAINTENANCE AND UPDATING

2. Recommendation 21 is maintained on behalf of UN/CEFACT by the by the UN/CEFACT Information Content Management Group (ICG).

3. Proposals for updating this Recommendation should be addressed to the Trade Facilitation Section, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland or by email to:

cefact@unece.org

4. Draft revisions to the body text and/or code list of this Recommendation shall be issued by the ICG when required and shall be made available on the ICG Web site:

<http://www.disa.org/cefact-groups/icg>

5. Draft revisions shall be subject to a public comment period of at least two months. UN/CEFACT Heads of Delegation shall be notified of the availability of a draft revision and the period for comment. Following the conclusion of the comment period, the ICG shall address all comments received. Depending on the comments received, the ICG shall issue a new draft edition for comment or shall prepare a final edition for

¹ From the mission statement of UN/CEFACT

approval.

6. Final revisions to the body text of this Recommendation shall be approved by the UN/CEFACT Plenary and shall be made available on the UN/CEFACT Web site:

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7. Final revisions to the code lists of this Recommendation shall be approved by the ICG Plenary and notified to the UN/CEFACT Plenary. These revisions shall be made available on the UN/CEFACT Web site.

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