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CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON CONTAINERS, 1972
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PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES 1 AND 4 OF THE CONVENTION

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

At its ninth session held in Brussels from 7 to 8 November 2006, the Administrative Committee of the Customs Convention on Containers, 1972, adopted unanimously certain amendments to Annexes 1 and 4 of the Convention in accordance with article 22 of the above Convention.

..... A copy of the text of the proposed amendments in the English and French languages is transmitted herewith.

In this connection, it is recalled that the procedure for the amendment of annexes 1, 4, 5 and 6 to the Convention is set forth in paragraphs 1 to 7 of article 22, which read as follows:

- "1. Independently of the amendment procedure set out in article 21, Annexes 1, 4, 5 and 6 may be amended as provided for in this article and in accordance with the rules of procedure set out in Annex 7.
2. Any Contracting Party shall communicate proposed amendments to the Customs Co-operation Council. The Customs Co-operation Council shall bring them to the attention of the Contracting Parties and of the States referred to in article 18 which are not Contracting Parties, and shall convene the Administrative Committee.
3. Any amendment proposed in accordance with the preceding paragraph or prepared during the meeting of the Committee, and adopted by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting in the Committee, shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
4. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall communicate the amendment to the Contracting Parties for their acceptance, and to the States referred to in article 18 which are not Contracting Parties for their information.

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5. The amendment shall be deemed to have been accepted unless one-fifth or five of the Contracting Parties, whichever number is less, have notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, within a period of 12 months from the date on which the proposed modification has been communicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Contracting Parties, that they object to the proposal. An amendment which is not accepted shall be of no effect whatever.
6. If an amendment is accepted, it shall enter into force, for all Contracting Parties which did not object to the amendment, three months after the expiry of the period of twelve months referred to in the preceding paragraph, or on such later date as may have been determined by the Committee at the time of its adoption. At the time of adoption of an amendment the Committee may also provide that, during a transitional period, the existing Annexes shall remain in force, wholly or in part, concurrently with such amendment.
7. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall notify the date of the entry into force of the amendment to the Contracting Parties and inform the States, referred to in article 18, which are not Contracting Parties."

In accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 22 of the Convention, the proposal of amendment shall be deemed to have been accepted unless one-fifth or five of the Contracting Parties, whichever number is less, have notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, within a period of 12 months from the date of the present notification, that they object to the proposal of amendment. A proposed amendment which is not accepted shall be of no effect whatever.

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ANNEX 1

Provisions concerning the marking of containers

1. (Amended) The following information shall be durably marked in an appropriate and clearly visible place on containers in accordance with International Standard ISO 6346*:
 - (a) the identification of the owner or principal operator and the individual number and check digit of the container as given in ISO 6346 and its annexes;
 - (b) the tare weight of the container, including all its permanently fixed equipment.
2. (To be withdrawn)
3. (Unchanged) Containers approved for transport under Customs seal shall, in addition, bear the following details which shall be also be put on the approval plate in accordance with the provisions of Annex 5:
 - (a) the manufacturer's serial number (manufacturer's number); and
 - (b) if they have been approved by design type, the identification numbers or letters of the type.

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* see extract of the ISO Standard No. 6346 :1995, Part VIII of the Handbook.

ANNEX 4 TO THE CONVENTION

After the last sentence of Article 4, paragraph 11 (a) insert a new sentence to read as follows:

"Neither shall a flap be required for containers with sliding sheets."

Replace the text of Article 5 by the following:

"Article 5

Containers with sliding sheets

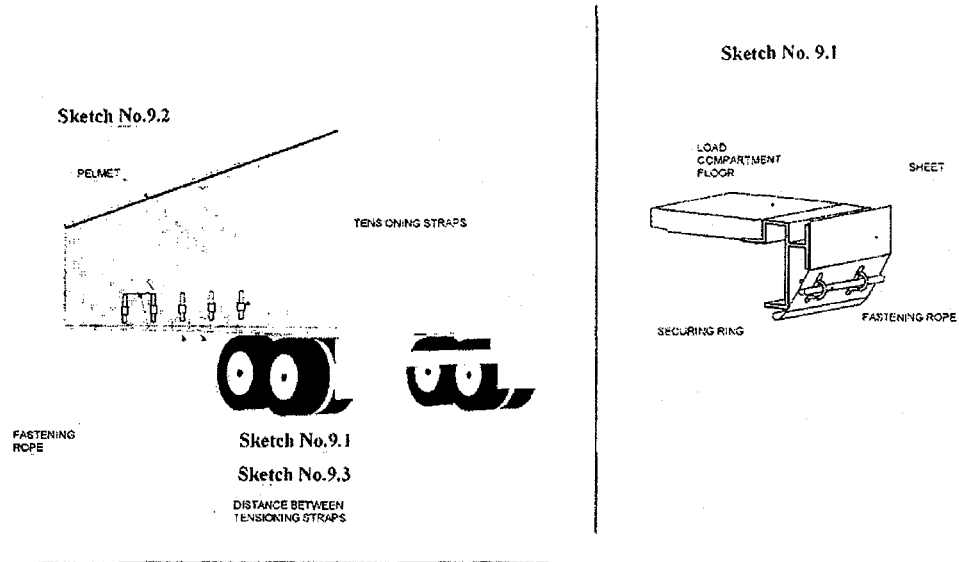
1. Where applicable, the provisions of Articles 1, 2, 3 and 4 of these Regulations shall apply to containers with sliding sheets. In addition, these containers shall conform to the provisions of this article.
2. The sliding sheets, floor, doors and all other constituent parts of the container shall fulfil either the requirements in Article 4, paragraphs 6, 8, 9 and 11 of these Regulations or the requirements set out in (i) to (vi) below.
 - (i) The sliding sheets, floor, doors and all other constituent parts of the container shall be assembled in such a way that they cannot be opened or closed without leaving obvious traces.
 - (ii) The sheet shall overlap the solid parts at the top of the container by at least 1/4 of the actual distance between the tensioning straps. The sheet shall overlap the solid parts at the bottom of the container by at least 50 mm. The horizontal opening between the sheet and the solid parts of the container may not exceed 10 mm measured perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the container at any place when the container is secured and sealed for Customs purposes.
 - (iii) The sliding sheet guidance and other movable parts shall be assembled in such a way that closed and Customs sealed doors and other movable parts cannot be opened or closed from the outside without leaving obvious traces. The sliding sheet guidance and other movable parts shall be assembled in such a way that it is impossible to gain access to the container without leaving obvious traces. The system is described in sketch No. 9 appended to these Regulations.
 - (iv) The horizontal distance between the rings, used for Customs purposes, on the solid parts of the container shall not exceed 200 mm. The space may, however, be greater but shall not exceed 300 mm between the rings on either side of the upright if the construction of the container and the sheets is such as preventing all access to the container. In any case, the conditions laid down in (ii) above shall be complied with.
 - (v) The distance between the tensioning straps shall not exceed 600 mm.
 - (vi) The fastenings used to secure the sheets to the solid parts of the container shall fulfil the requirements in Article 4, paragraph 9 of these Regulations."

Add the following new sketch to the existing sketches appended to Annex 4, Part I :

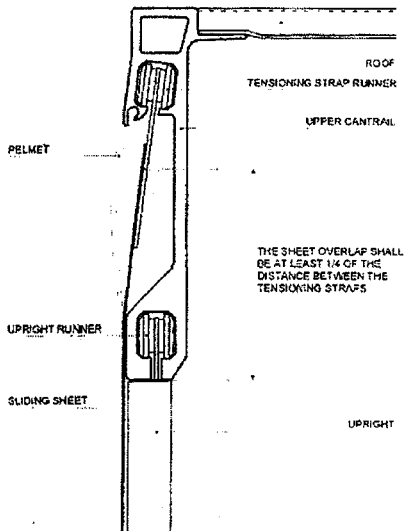
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Sketch No. 9

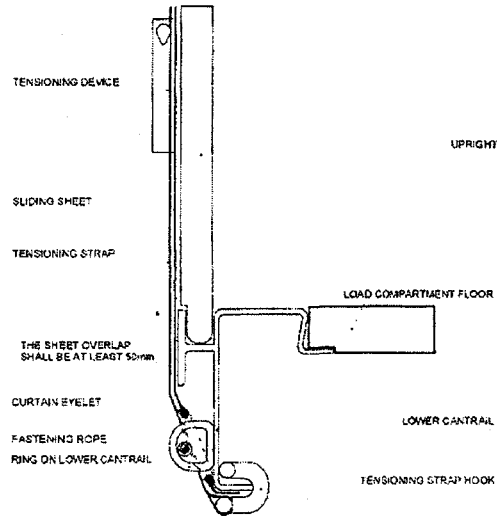
EXAMPLE OF A CONSTRUCTION OF A CONTAINER WITH SLIDING SHEETS



Sketch No. 9.2
SHEET GUIDANCE AND OVERLAP-TOP



Sketch No. 9.3
SHEET OVERLAP-BOTTOM



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