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Harmonization of Limited Quantities

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In several past sessions, the Sub-Committee and the Committee have discussed harmonization of the concepts of limited quantities and excepted quantities of dangerous goods. These subjects proved too difficult to resolve simultaneously, and in this biennium the subject of excepted quantities has been addressed separately.

AHS is a representative of global consignors of limited quantity packages, including pharmaceutical and consumer commodities, as well as product samples. The lack of harmonization of the requirements across modes of transport and regulatory codes is very costly and disruptive to the distribution of these materials. We also believe lack of harmonization has a safety impact, because of the potential for confusion when packages prepared for one mode of transport or region are found in another.

AHS requests that the Committee include harmonization of limited quantity packing, marking, labelling, documentation, handling, and any transport unit marking requirements in the programme of work for the 2007-2008 biennium.
