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Outcome of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its forty-first session - Correction

Note by the secretariat

1. During its forty-first session, the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods agreed that paragraph (2) (a) of packing instruction P903, as it appeared in the seventeenth revised edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Model Regulations, was incorrect, as the corresponding text in the sixteenth revised edition allowed the use of strong outer packagings or protective enclosures, and not strong outer packagings in protective enclosures. The error apparently was due to editing of the packing instructions during the previous two-year period, and should be corrected in the next version as follows:

P903 In paragraph (2), replace subparagraphs (a) and (b) with the following subparagraphs (a) to (c):

- "(a) Strong outer packagings;
- (b) Protective enclosures (e.g., fully enclosed or wooden slatted crates); or
- (c) Pallets or other handling devices.".
- 2. Modal organizations such as IMO, ICAO, UNECE and OTIF and national regulatory authorities are invited to take the correction into account to the extent legally possible in the 2013 versions of their respective instruments.

