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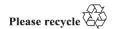
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of recycled plastics material

Criteria for passing the top lift test for wooden large packagings and fibreboard large packagings - revised version of ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2020/64

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Introduction

- 1. In accordance with 6.6.5.3.2.1, a top lift test is required for "types of large packagings which are intended to be lifted from the top and fitted with means of lifting, as a design type test". Hence, all types of large packagings, including wooden large packagings and fibreboard large packagings, could be designed to be lifted from the top and consequently would have to be tested accordingly. However, the criteria for passing the test in 6.6.5.3.2.4 only apply to metal and rigid plastics large packagings as well as to flexible large packagings.
- 2. Based on the outcome of the written comments on document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2020/64 in course of the fifty-seventh session, Germany agreed to submit a revised proposal taking into account the comments received. Several delegations pointed out that an amendment to 6.6.5.3.2 should consider future developments and, therefore, should not exclude the top lift test for wooden large packagings and fibreboard large packagings.



^{*} A/75/6 (Sect.20), para. 20.51

Proposal

3. To clarify that the top lift test is also required for wooden large packagings and fibreboard large packagings, 6.6.5.3.2.4 (a) could be amended as follows, analogous to the definition of the criteria for passing the stacking test in 6.6.5.3.3.5 (a) (deleted text is struck through; new text is underlined):

"Metal and rigid plastics All types of large packagings other than flexible large packagings: no permanent deformation which renders the large packaging, including the base pallet, if any, unsafe for transport and no loss of contents;"