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Revision

Submitted by the delegation of Germany

The following proposal was submitted by the delegation of Germany for consideration by the Specialized Section.

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What is the experience of marking packages with official codes for the shipper's information? How do the inspection bodies proceed if the structure of the code does not match the information provided in the Code Mark Registry or if the country of dispatch is not listed in the Code Mark Registry?
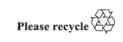
Proposal

If the delegations agree on a uniform approach, the introductory note to the database on https://unece.org/trade/wp7/code-mark-registry could be supplemented accordingly:

Inspection services that use this Code Mark Registry as a guide for inspecting packages proceed as follows:

In general, they will accept Code Marks to replace the name and address of packer and/or dispatcher/exporter if:

- the code is preceded with the reference "packer and/or dispatcher (or equivalent abbreviations)", and

- the code is preceded with the ISO 3166 (alpha-2) country code of the recognizing country, if not the country of origin, and

- the delivering country is listed in this Code Mark Registry.

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In case the marked code differs slightly (e.g. only slightly in length) from the structure notified in the Code Mark Registry, the lot is accepted. However, the issuing / recognizing authority will be contacted. If the corresponding code or the structure is not confirmed, subsequently arriving lots with corresponding marking deficiencies will be rejected.

In case the marked code differs strongly from a given character string the respective lot is rejected.

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