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Item 5 (b) of the provisional agenda

#### New proposals

## **Indication of the requirements, concerning documentation, defined by the special provisions of chapter 3.3 in chapter 5.4**

**Transmitted by the Government of France<sup>\*,\*\*</sup>**

### **Introduction**

1. Chapter 3.3 contains special provisions which, in certain cases, define an obligation to make some statements in the transport document.
2. In most cases these obligations are not recalled in chapter 5.4. Thus, users who are not experts in the regulations may not be aware of these requirements.
3. In addition, when other regulations must refer to the documentation provisions on the transport of dangerous goods, they generally refer only to chapter 5.4 and cannot list all the special provisions.
4. In particular, the problem was identified during the meeting organized on 30 September 2022 with the group of experts on the transport of dangerous goods and the experts in charge of implementing the electronic freight transport information (eFTI) regulation. Indeed, the eFTI regulation refers to chapter 5.4 but cannot list all the special provisions that have consequences on the content of the transport documents. This can result in certain documentation requirements being overlooked and leading to the development of automated applications that produce non-compliant paperless documents.
5. To solve this problem, it was proposed to add in chapter 5 a reference to the special provisions of chapter 3.3. This is the purpose of the following proposal submitted to the Joint Meeting for discussion and adoption, as appropriate.

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\* A/77/6 (Sect. 20), table 20.6

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## **Proposal**

6. In 5.4.1.1.1 add a new item (l) to read as follows:
    - “(l) A declaration in accordance with the requirements of any special provision of Chapter 3.3 when applicable”
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