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## Introduction

At the recent Joint Meeting held in Geneva between 11 and 21 September 2007, new text was agreed for new paragraph 5.3.6.1 as follows:

**“5.3.6.1** When a placard is required to be displayed in accordance with the provisions of section 5.3.1, large containers/containers, MEGCs, tank-containers, portable tanks and vehicles/wagons containing environmentally hazardous substances meeting the criteria of 2.2.9.1.10 shall be marked with the environmentally hazardous substance mark shown in 5.2.1.8.3, except that the minimum dimensions shall be 250 mm × 250 mm. The other provisions of section 5.3.1 concerning the display of placards shall apply mutatis mutandis to the display of the mark.”

By RID 5.3.1.7.3, for tank-containers with a capacity of not more than 3 m<sup>3</sup>, placards may be replaced by labels conforming to 5.2.2.2, i.e. minimum dimensions may be 100 mm x 100 mm. In addition, by 5.3.1.7.4, placards on wagons may be reduced to 150 mm x 150 mm.

## Proposal

To provide for a consistent approach so that the new environmentally hazardous substances mark is the same size as the placard or alternative label also displayed the following modified wording is proposed.

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A similar proposal has been made to WP.15 for the meeting 5-9 November 2007.

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