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## **Introduction**

1. For UN 3373 Biological Substance, Category B, special provision 319 had already been included in the 2005 edition of RID/ADR. This special provision exempts the carriage of this substance from the other provisions of RID/ADR when the substance is packed and marked in accordance with the provisions of packing instruction P 650. This exemption is also repeated in paragraph (11) of packing instruction P 650.
2. In column (8) of Table A in Chapter 3.2, the only packing instruction permitted for UN 3373 is packing instruction P 650.
3. Column (19) of Table A, which deals with carriage as express goods (colis express), contains a reference to special provision CE 14. Special provision CE 14 says that only substances which are not to be carried at a specific ambient temperature may be forwarded as express parcels. In addition, special provision CE 14 refers to the quantity limits specified in packing instruction P 650, although this packing instruction only specifies quantity limits for any goods of classes 3, 8 or 9 that might be packed with UN 3373.
4. There is a contradiction between special provision 319 and maintaining special provision CE 14, which has probably not yet been noticed because overall carriage as express goods has reduced sharply.

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## Proposal

5. The packing instruction lays down strict requirements for the packagings to be used, which must consist of a primary receptacle, a secondary packaging and an outer packaging. There are more requirements if ice, dry ice or liquid nitrogen are used to cool specimens. If so, safety precautions must be taken in case the ice melts or the dry ice evaporates. However, it is not required to maintain a specific ambient temperature.
6. The Secretariat is of the view that the requirements of packing instruction P 650 are wholly sufficient and that no additional conditions must apply to carriage as express goods. Therefore, in Table A, the reference to special provision CE 14 can be deleted from UN 3373. The text of special provision CE 14 would then have to be amended, as there has so far been a distinction between substances assigned to UN Number 3373 and other substances.

### 7. Chapter 3.2

#### Table A

#### UN 3373

In column (19) delete:

"CE14" (twice).

### Chapter 7.6

#### CE 14

Amend to read as follows (amended text is crossed out):

#### "CE 14

Only substances which are not to be carried at a specific ambient temperature may be forwarded as express parcels. In this case, the following quantity limits shall apply:

- ~~for substances other than those assigned to UN No. 3373~~ up to 50 ml per package for liquids and up to 50 g per package for solids.
- ~~for substances assigned to UN No. 3373 in quantities as specified in packing instruction P650 in 4.1.4.1.~~
- for body parts or organs, a package shall not weigh more than 50 kg."

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