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Subject: Comments on document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2020/14 from Germany

Proposal transmitted by the United Kingdom

Introduction

1. The United Kingdom agrees in principle with the proposal from Germany in document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2020/14, option 1, but believes that polymerizing substances requiring temperature control not classified in Class 4.1 should be dealt with under the appropriate class in Chapter 2 rather than under 2.2.41.2.3.
2. The relevant classes are Classes 2, 3, 6.1 and 8. Paragraphs 2.2.2.2.1, 2.2.3.2.2, 2.2.61.2.1 and 2.2.8.2.1 include the following two sentences:

"For the precautions necessary to prevent polymerization, see special provision 386 of Chapter 3.3. To this end particular care shall be taken to ensure that receptacles and tanks do not contain any substances liable to promote these reactions."

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3. Add the following new sentence after these two sentences in paragraphs 2.2.2.2.1, 2.2.3.2.2, 2.2.61.2.1 and 2.2.8.2.1:

"If temperature control is required to prevent polymerization of a substance (i.e. for a substance in a packaging or IBC with a self-accelerating polymerization temperature (SAPT) of 50 °C or less, or in a tank with an SAPT of 45 °C or less) the substance shall not be accepted for carriage."

4. As a consequence, delete "(see 2.2.41.2.3)" at the end of the first sentence of special provision 386 in Chapter 3.3.