The 18th revised edition of the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, which includes the amendments necessary to bring the UN Model Regulations in line with SSR-6 is now printed in English and French since the end of June. It is being translated in the other UN languages and the Russian version should be printed at the end of the month. The French, English and Spanish versions may be consulted on the UNECE website.

http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/unrec/rev18/18files_e.html

IMO, ICAO and UNECE are working on the alignment of the IMDG Code, the ICAO TIs, RID, ADR and ADN on this 18th revised edition of the Orange Book.

The texts prepared by the group working on the harmonization of RID/ADR/ADN with the 18th revised edition of the Orange Book were submitted to the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (16-27 September). The adopted amendments will come into force on 1 January 2015 after formal adoption by the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15, met from 4-8 November), the RID Committee of Expert (18-22 November) and the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (27 - 31 January 2014).

During the autumn session of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting, it was noted that some amendments to the English text had not been reflected in the French and Russian texts of the IAEA Regulations. The secretariat was requested to bring the cases in question to the attention of the IAEA translation services or the French- or Russian-speaking authorities competent for the transport of radioactive material, so as to verify whether there were any reasons for such divergences (for example, amendments to 6.4.15.5 corresponding to SSR-6 723 (a)).

In the light of the comments from IAEA, the Joint Meeting agreed that special provision 172 should no longer be applied to UN Nos. 2977 and 2978 (uranium hexafluoride).

Relevant excerpts from the report of the Joint Meeting will be presented in an informal document for the next UN Sub-Committee of experts on the Transport of dangerous goods.

During its 95th session, the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods indicated that the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods should take a decision concerning the subsidiary risks that should be taken into account for uranium hexafluoride. This issue will be raised at the next session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. The data already provided by the IAEA and reproduced on the TRANSSC webpage will be added on the agenda of the Sub-Committee. It is expected that TRANSSC members will liaise with their national SCETDG expert to provide a national position on this issue.

For the UN Sub-Committee of experts on the Transport of dangerous goods session which will take place in Geneva from 25 November – 4 December, the documentation has been posted on our website:


Informal documents (more to come since there is no deadline for informal documents): http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc3/c3inf44.html

Document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2013/38 is of particular interest to TRANSSC. It is a proposal to align the UN Model Regulations with SSR-6.