Inter-Agency Group on Transport WebEx Meeting
Friday, 9 November 2018
Meeting Start Time: 15:00 CET

Minutes

1. The following individuals participated in the meeting:
   a. Katherine Rooney, ICAO
   b. Bingbing Song, IMO
   c. Rosa Garcia Couto, UNECE
   d. Steve Whittingham, IAEA
   e. Nancy Capadona, IAEA
   f. Eric Reber, IAEA

2. Incorporation of emergency arrangements of SSR-6 into the Orange Book; 3. Update of reference from INFCIRC225/Rev. 4 to INFCIRC225/Rev. 5; and 4. Incorporation of SSR-6 into the Orange Book (information on Topics 2, 3, and 4 has been combined)

Concerning the incorporation of the text of the 2018 Edition of SSR-6 into the Orange Book, Ms. Couto stated that at their meeting in Geneva in July 2018, a sub-committee of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods provisionally adopted all text of SSR-6 except for two paragraphs on emergency response.

Ms. Couto reported that IATA had stated that radiation protection experts should review the text on emergencies, and that several countries had indicated that the proposed change to the text was acceptable to them. The sub-committee concluded that further review of the paragraphs on emergency response was necessary before these changes could be introduced into the Orange Book.

Mr. Whittingham indicated that SSR-6 (2018) has been published in its final form and that it will be up to the committee in Geneva to accept or reject the changes to the text.

Ms. Couto indicated that the paragraphs on emergency response will be considered at the next meeting of the sub-committee, which will take place in December 2018. If approved, all the text from SSR-6 including the updated paragraphs on emergency response and the INFCIRC225/Rev. 5 reference will be part of the 21st Revised Edition of the Orange Book, which will be issued in 2019.

5. Availability of translations of SSR-6

Mr. Reber stated that translations of SSR-6 (2018) are not yet available. Ms. Couto requested that the translations be circulated when they are available (and hopefully before February 2019) so that the translations of the Orange Book can be harmonized with the IAEA’s translations. Ms. Capadona indicated that the Transport Safety Unit will attempt to have SSR-6 translated in a timely fashion, especially given the UNECE’s interest in harmonizing the French and Spanish translations.

6. Dates of Meetings in 2019

To manage potential scheduling conflicts with other UN meetings, Ms. Rooney asked for the dates of TRANSSC meetings in the coming year. Mr. Whittingham stated that TRANSSC meetings are tentatively scheduled in 2019 during the weeks of 24 to 28 June (TRANSSC38)
and 28 October to 1 November (TRANSSC39). Mr. Whittingham indicated that the meetings of the TTEGs will be held in conjunction with TRANSSC meetings. Ms. Rooney indicated that it is necessary for her to know the dates of any meetings sufficiently in advance to obtain approval to attend the meetings. Mr. Whittingham indicated that the only non-TRANSSC/TTEG meeting that is planned for next year is a consultancy on the TBD and SSG-26 to be held early next year.

7. Freight containers

Ms. Rooney indicated that there is an open issue concerning freight containers and the use of the terms ‘packages’ and ‘packaging’ that was raised by Japan and that could be taken up by the Transport Operational Matters TTEG. She also expressed a desire for a definitive statement from the IAEA on this matter. Ms. Capadona suggested that this issue be raised by a TRANSSC member with the chair of the Transport Operational Matters TTEG. It was agreed that Mr. Whittingham would suggest to Mr. Makoto that he raise the issue with the chair of the Transport Operational Matters TTEG.

Mr. Reber indicated that regular WebEx meetings of the group would be held a few weeks in advance of TRANSSC meetings.