Minutes

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

2. Translations of SSR-6 and Orange Book

   Ms. Capadona stated that the Arabic and Chinese publications of SSR-6 (Rev. 1) have been published; however, the French, Russian, and Spanish versions of SSR-6 (Rev. 1) have not yet been published. Ms. Capadona offered her apologies for the delay. She indicated that the text has been translated; however, the layout of the document has not been completed.

   Ms. Couto indicated that the Spanish version of the Orange Book will be prepared starting later in the summer, and that it would be helpful if the Spanish version of SSR-6 (Rev. 1) were available at that time. Ms. Couto indicated that the target for publication of the Spanish version is autumn 2019. Ms. Capadona indicated that she had sent the provisional Spanish translation of SSR-6 (Rev. 1) to UNECE as the delay in publication is related to the formatting of the publication and not its contents.

   Ms. Couto stated that they are expecting to distribute hard copies of the English version of the Orange Book during the 55th session of the TDG Sub-Committee in July. It is not clear if the hard copy of the French version will be ready at that time. However, the text of both the English and French versions will at least be made available electronically to delegates attending the session.

   Ms. Couto stated that for the Russian, Chinese and Arabic versions of the Orange Book, it is difficult to predict when they will be published because of variables such as the workload of translation and printing services.

3. Incorporation of SSR-6 (Rev. 1) into the Orange Book

   Ms. Couto stated that all amendments for alignment of SSR-6 (Rev.1) with the Orange Book adopted by the Committee of Experts during the biennium 2017-2018 will appear in the 21st revised edition of the Orange Book. These amendments include those proposed by the IAEA for alignment with SSR-6 (Rev. 1), and amendment to the provisions on preparedness for emergency response adopted by the Sub-Committee in December 2018. Ms. Couto mentioned that INF.15, which was submitted by IATA to the TDG Sub-Committee had been
withdrawn, as the proposed amendments they proposed had already been taken into account in Rev.21.

4. Dates of TRANSSC Meetings in 2020

Mr Whittingham stated that TRANSSC 40 is scheduled for 1 – 5 June 2020, and that TRANSSC 41 is scheduled for 2 – 6 November 2020. Ms. Rooney stated that given budgetary constraints, it is unclear whether she will be able to attend the meetings. Mr Song indicated that due to scheduling conflicts, he may not be able to attend the November 2020 meeting.

5. Ship’s Certification for dangerous goods and its “exception” for Class 7

Ms. Capadona stated that interest by the MedNet group in the ship’s certification for dangerous goods has been renewed. She stated that a certification appears to not be required for class 6.2, 7 and dangerous goods in limited quantities and excepted quantities that are transported by sea. She indicated that there is a conflict in that some carriers believe the certification is required for class 7, but some consignors believe that it is not required. Ms. Capadona requested further clarification of the requirement.

Mr. Song stated that in accordance with SOLAS regulation II-2/19.4, documented compliance (a certification) is not needed for Class 7 consignments. However, he acknowledged that confusion has arisen due to the misinterpretation of a table in the SOLAS regulations that does not include class 6.2 and 7. He indicated that a possible way to address this issue may be the inclusion of a footnote on Dangerous Goods certifications, which indicates that a certification is not required for class 6.2 and 7.

6. Comprehensive bans on the transport of radioactive material by air

Ms. Rooney noted that a number of States have comprehensive bans on the transport by air of radioactive material with no exceptions for excepted packages. She raised the issue of whether something could be done from the IAEA side to address the issue. Mr. Whittingham indicated that this issue could be taken up by the operational matters TTEG next week. Ms. Rooney offered to draft an information paper on this topic as a way of formally raising the issue.

7. Switzerland Proposal: Transport by post of Class 7 excepted packages with limited activity

Mr Whittingham noted that our new contact at the UPU is Dawn Wilkes. Steve read from Ms. Wilkes’ email: “I have had the opportunity to fully digest this proposal and am in support. According to my understanding, it is seeking to harmonize the UPU Convention with that of the Model Regulations. The paper accurately states the current convention article and does not provide for any additional alterations.”

Mr Whittingham indicated that it would be beneficial if Switzerland were to raise the proposal with TRANSSC.

Ms. Couto asked about the provenance of the label included in the proposal. Ms. Rooney indicated that the origin of the label is most likely an IATA publication. It is now in the ICAO TIs, Part 5, Chapter 3, Figure 5-33. She suggested that the IAEA contact the UPU to confirm the details of the origin of the label. [Dawn Wilkes confirmed after the meeting that the label is from IATA’s Dangerous Goods Regulations under Marking and Labelling.]
Mr Whittingham indicated that the proposal will be investigated further and that it will be mentioned at TRANSSC.

8. **Freight containers**

Ms. Rooney indicated that the issue will be discussed with the operational matters TTEG and that an online working group may be established and that concerned individuals will be included in the discussion.