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Agenda Item 2: Development of recommendations for amendments to the *Technical Instructions* for incorporation in the 2007/2008 edition
2.2: Part 2 — Classification

CLASSIFICATION OF PATIENT SPECIMENS

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Since the publication of the ICAO addendum concerning the transport of infectious substances some questions have been raised by the industry concerning the classification of "patient specimens."

1.2 As a consequence of the introduction of the new definition for "patient specimens" the special provision A141 linked to UN 3337 has been deleted. This special provision clearly explained that UN 3373 applied to human or animal material being transported for purposes such as research, diagnosis, investigational activities, disease treatment or prevention. Although the introduction of the new definition for "patient specimens" made special provision A141 redundant, no where else in the regulations clear guidance is provided on the classification and the transport of "patient specimens".

2. PROPOSAL

2.1 Add a new paragraph 2; 6.3.6 titled "Patient specimens"

Patient specimens must be assigned to UN 2814, UN 2900 or UN 3373 as appropriate except if they comply with 6.3.2.3 or 6.3.2.4 or 6.3.2.5.

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