



**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)  
MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE**

**Auckland, New Zealand, 4 to 8 May 2009**

**Agenda Item 6: Other business**

**MULTIMODAL HARMONIZATION**

(Presented by the Secretary)

**ADDENDUM**

**SUMMARY**

This paper extracts a table from the Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Thirty-Fourth Session) (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/68) which is referenced in the appendix to DGP-WG/09-WP/13.

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<b>No</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Potential solution</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	Editorial differences	Editorial working groups	
2	Differences of substance (by regulators and industry)	Document reasons for controversial decisions	
3	Inter-modal differences	Identify the differences, develop agreed procedures between modes to cooperate	Expert from the United Kingdom to circulate list of differences
4	Unclear text	Editorial working group	
5	National laws inconsistent with the UN Model Regulations		
6	Changes to the UN Model Regulations not always justified in a way that can be adopted by status	Proposals to be accompanied by cost benefit analysis	
7	Unrealistic time pressures	Editorial working group	
8	Difficult to identify inter-modal differences	Working group to review	Expert from the United Kingdom to circulate list of differences
9	Modal organizations sometimes identify problems that the Sub-Committee will not accept/resolve	Develop agreed procedures between modal organizations to cooperate	
10	Experts of the Sub-Committee may not have authority to effect changes nationally/regionally		

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11	Not clear what is meant by "harmonization"		
12	Ease of access to decision making (not always possible for other bodies to understand decisions of the Sub-Committee)		
13	Inadequate breadth of participation - countries, industry, modes		
14	Duplication of work on classification	Develop agreed procedures between modal organizations to cooperate	
15	Different opinions from national representatives at different forums	Develop agreed procedures between modal organizations to cooperate	
16	Some delegations do not have multimodal view (not always possible to do this for some delegations)	Enhance the documentation of reasons for decisions for modal organizations	
17	Inadequate procedure to resolve differences other than voting	Rules of procedure minimal amount of support before proposal can be introduced (like ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel and RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting)	