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CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON CONTAINERS, 1972
GENEVA, 2 DECEMBER 1972

ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES 1 AND 4 OF THE CONVENTION¹

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

Within the period of 12 months following the date of depositary notification C.N.492.2007.TREATIES-1 of 20 April 2007, no objection had been received from the Contracting Parties regarding the proposal of amendments to Annexes 1 and 4 of the above-mentioned Convention. Therefore, in accordance with paragraph 5 of article 22 of the Convention, the proposed amendments are considered to be accepted and will enter into force for all Contracting Parties three months after the expiry of the said period of 12 months, i.e., on 20 July 2008.

..... A copy of the text of the amendments in the English and French languages is transmitted herewith.

22 April 2008



¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.492.2007.TREATIES-1 of 20 April 2007 (Proposal of amendments to Annexes 1 and 4 of the Convention).

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ANNEX 1

Provisions concerning the marking of containers

1. (Amended) The following information shall be durably marked in an appropriate and clearly visible place on containers in accordance with International Standard ISO 6346*:
 - (a) the identification of the owner or principal operator and the individual number and check digit of the container as given in ISO 6346 and its annexes;
 - (b) the tare weight of the container, including all its permanently fixed equipment.
2. (To be withdrawn)
3. (Unchanged) Containers approved for transport under Customs seal shall, in addition, bear the following details which shall be also be put on the approval plate in accordance with the provisions of Annex 5:
 - (a) the manufacturer's serial number (manufacturer's number); and
 - (b) if they have been approved by design type, the identification numbers or letters of the type.

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* see extract of the ISO Standard No. 6346 :1995, Part VIII of the Handbook.

ANNEX 4 TO THE CONVENTION

After the last sentence of Article 4, paragraph 11 (a) insert a new sentence to read as follows:

"Neither shall a flap be required for containers with sliding sheets."

Replace the text of Article 5 by the following:

"Article 5

Containers with sliding sheets

1. Where applicable, the provisions of Articles 1, 2, 3 and 4 of these Regulations shall apply to containers with sliding sheets. In addition, these containers shall conform to the provisions of this article.
2. The sliding sheets, floor, doors and all other constituent parts of the container shall fulfil either the requirements in Article 4, paragraphs 6, 8, 9 and 11 of these Regulations or the requirements set out in (i) to (vi) below.
 - (i) The sliding sheets, floor, doors and all other constituent parts of the container shall be assembled in such a way that they cannot be opened or closed without leaving obvious traces.
 - (ii) The sheet shall overlap the solid parts at the top of the container by at least 1/4 of the actual distance between the tensioning straps. The sheet shall overlap the solid parts at the bottom of the container by at least 50 mm. The horizontal opening between the sheet and the solid parts of the container may not exceed 10 mm measured perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the container at any place when the container is secured and sealed for Customs purposes.
 - (iii) The sliding sheet guidance and other movable parts shall be assembled in such a way that closed and Customs sealed doors and other movable parts cannot be opened or closed from the outside without leaving obvious traces. The sliding sheet guidance and other movable parts shall be assembled in such a way that it is impossible to gain access to the container without leaving obvious traces. The system is described in sketch No. 9 appended to these Regulations.
 - (iv) The horizontal distance between the rings, used for Customs purposes, on the solid parts of the container shall not exceed 200 mm. The space may, however, be greater but shall not exceed 300 mm between the rings on either side of the upright if the construction of the container and the sheets is such as preventing all access to the container. In any case, the conditions laid down in (ii) above shall be complied with.
 - (v) The distance between the tensioning straps shall not exceed 600 mm.
 - (vi) The fastenings used to secure the sheets to the solid parts of the container shall fulfil the requirements in Article 4, paragraph 9 of these Regulations."

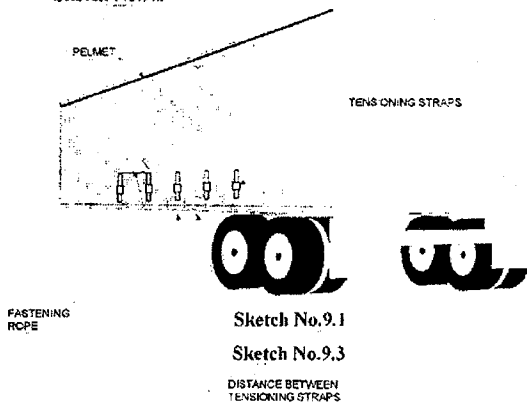
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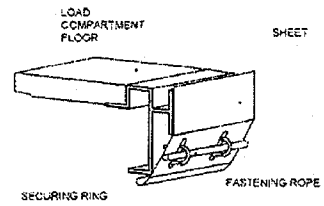
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EXAMPLE OF A CONSTRUCTION OF A CONTAINER WITH SLIDING SHEETS

Sketch No.9.2

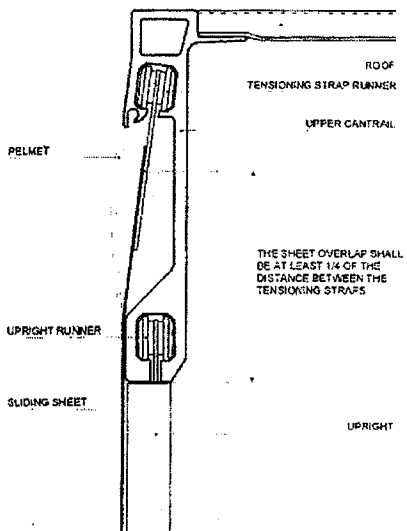


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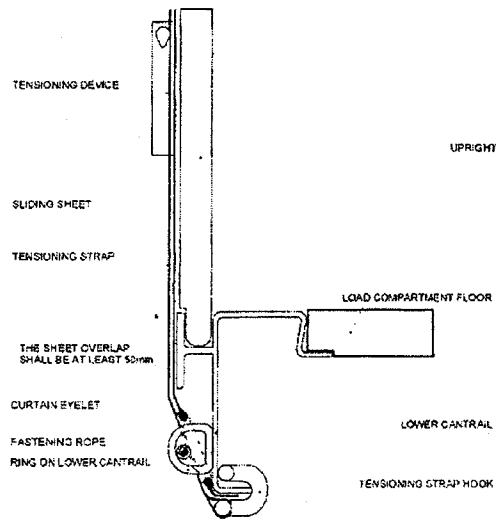
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SHEET GUIDANCE AND OVERLAP-TOP



Sketch No. 9.3

SHEET OVERLAP-BOTTOM



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