

UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2019/19. Optical differentiation of labels/placards for gases)

Dear presidents, delegates and friends!

We are writing to you with a request for support.

In July 2019 the CTIF Hazmat Commission together with the country of Spain will present a joint proposal to the United Nations ECOSOC Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, in Geneva for a vote.

This proposal brings a better differentiation of toxic or flammable gases for our first responders in regards to the labelling of dangerous goods on all modes of transport (road, rail, marine and air).

The advantages of this proposal are:

- Easier to identify the label from a distance
- Differentiation of gases from flammable solids, toxic or flammable liquids
- Better awareness for all everyone involved (Education, transport, accident,...)
- Waving the flag for all firefighters worldwide

The period of transition will be around five years and cause minimal costs to industry and logistics companies.

To show the clarify the current situation you will find the current and proposed labels with the addition of the compressed gas symbol on the next page.

Thank you very much for your support!



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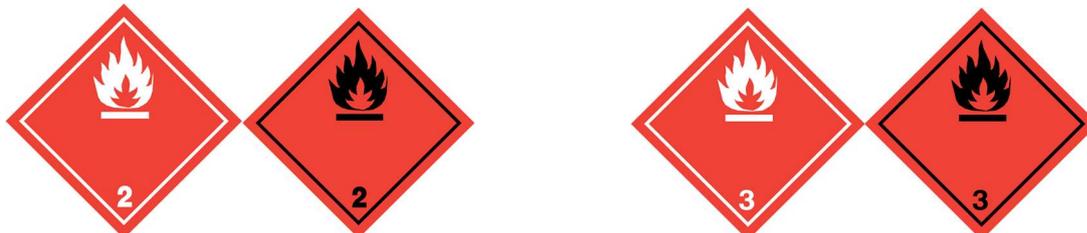
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Existing labeling for dangerous goods

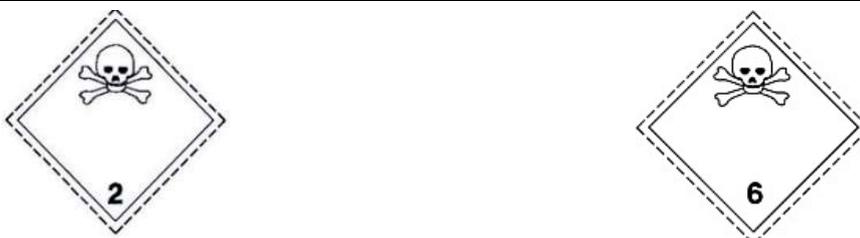
Flammable gases (Class 2)

and flammable liquids (Class 3)



Toxic gases (Class 2)

and liquid/ solid toxics(Class 6.1)



New proposal for all traffic carriers

*ECOSOC Bodies/TDG Sub-Committee/ Working document:
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Toxic gases (Class 2)



Because the dangerous goods labeling is created and used mainly for the first responders and emergency services, we hope for great support in July 2019 with our request for change.