

ANNEX 6

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

(i) In accordance with the provisions of article 13 of the present Convention, the explanatory notes interpret some provisions of the present Convention and of its Annexes.

(ii) The explanatory notes do not modify the provisions of the present Convention or of its Annexes but make their contents, meaning and scope more precise.

(iii) In particular, having regard to the principles laid down by the provisions of article 12 of the present Convention and of Annex 4 thereto for the approval of containers for transport under Customs seal, the explanatory notes specify, where appropriate, the construction techniques to be accepted by the Contracting Parties as complying with those provisions. The explanatory notes may also specify which construction techniques, if any, do not comply with those provisions.

(iv) The explanatory notes provide a means of applying the provisions of the present Convention and of its Annexes according to the development of technology and economic requirements.

0. MAIN TEXT OF THE CONVENTION

0.1 *Article 1**Sub-paragraph (c)(i) — Partially enclosed containers*

0.1.(c)(i)-1 The term “partially enclosed”, as applied to equipment in article 1, sub-paragraph (c)(i), relates to equipment generally consisting of a floor and a superstructure marking off a loading space equivalent to that of a closed container. The superstructure is generally made up of metal members forming the frame of a container. Containers of this type may also comprise one or more lateral or frontal walls. In some cases there is only a roof attached to the floor by uprights. This type of container is used in particular for the carriage of bulky goods (motor cars, for example).

Sub-paragraph (d) — Accessories and equipment of the container

0.1.(c)-1 The term “accessories and equipment of the container” shall cover in particular the following devices, even if they are removable:

- (a) equipment for controlling, modifying or maintaining the temperature inside the container;
- (b) small appliances, such as temperature or impact recorders, designed to indicate or record variations in environmental conditions and impact;