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## Foreword

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The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular, the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 (see [www.iso.org/directives](http://www.iso.org/directives)).

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 16495:2013), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- changes to [Table B.1](#), [Table B.2](#), [Table B.3](#), [Table C.1](#), [Table D.1](#), [Table D.2](#) and [Table D.3](#);
- additional requirements in [Annex H](#), “H.2 Preparation” added;
- deletion of Table H.1;
- editorial improvements.

This corrected version of ISO 16495:2022 incorporates the following corrections:

- the positioning of the lines in the table header of [Table C.1](#) has been corrected.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

This document was developed to provide requirements and test procedures to meet the multi-modal United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Model Regulations referred to as “UN Recommendations” throughout this document, and successful passing of the tests may lead to the allocation of an appropriate UN packaging mark. The UN Recommendations have been developed by the United Nations Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods as a ‘model regulation’ in the light of technical progress, the advent of new substances and materials, the exigencies of modern transport systems and, above all, the need to ensure the safety of people, property and the environment. Amongst other aspects, the UN Recommendations cover principles of classification and definition of classes, listing of the principal dangerous goods, general packing requirements, testing procedures, marking, labelling or placarding, and shipping documents. In addition, there are special recommendations related to particular classes of goods.

The UN Recommendations are given legal entity by the provisions of a series of international modal agreements and national legislation for the transport of dangerous goods. The international agreements include the following:

- The European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) (covering most of Europe)<sup>[4]</sup>;
- Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID) (covering most of Europe, parts of North Africa and the Middle East)<sup>[5]</sup>;
- The International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) (worldwide)<sup>[6]</sup>;
- The International Civil Aviation Organization’s Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (ICAO TIs) (worldwide)<sup>[7]</sup>.

Application of this document presupposes awareness of the requirements of these international agreements and the relevant national regulations for domestic transport of dangerous goods.

It is important to note that there will be certain modal differences from the UN Recommendations and that the schedule for revision of the recommendations and modal provisions may lead to temporary inconsistencies with this document.

It is noted that success in the tests and the allocation of an official UN mark do not on their own authorize the use of a packaging for any dangerous goods, which are subject to the packing instructions published in the various modal regulations.

This document is based on Revision 21 of the UN Recommendations.