

In June 2012, TSI received alerts that a proposal submitted by the South African representative on the UN Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods recommended removing Special Provision 242 from the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. TSI worked with key industry and government contacts to refute the proposal and maintain SP 242.

Assessment

- TSI reviewed proposal and determined it was based on inaccurate sulphur information. TSI coordinated efforts and prepared comments challenging proposal.

Development

- Identified a partner organization in South Africa and negotiated terms to investigate incident. Submitted comments to key UN COETDG delegates opposing proposal.

Distribution

- Proposal is withdrawn by South African delegation. TSI partner organization completed investigation and expects no additional proposals.

Value to Member

- Prevented unnecessary listing of formed, solid sulphur as a Class 4.1 Flammable Solid and avoided higher shipping costs (US\$10 to US\$50/ton) without associated benefit.
- Formed partnership with a respected South African non-governmental organization to monitor for further proposals.

Value to Industry

- Prevented unnecessary listing of formed, solid sulphur as a Class 4.1 Flammable Solid and avoided higher shipping costs without associated benefit.
- Resolved issue that prompted proposal.