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Interpretation

Requirements for UN 2908, 2909, 2910 and 2911 Class 7 Excepted Packages

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1. The United Kingdom has noticed what appears to be a discrepancy between the general exemptions of 1.1.3.6.2 applicable to the carriage of dangerous goods in certain values under the table in 1.1.3.6.3 and the special provisions for Class 7 Excepted Packages (UN 2908-2911). Secondly, the United Kingdom notes that there is a disharmony between ADR and the IAEA Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material (TS-R-1) relating to undeliverable consignments of these UN numbers. This paper seeks the opinion of the Working Party on the interpretation offered on both of these issues, and whether ADR should be amended to align with TS-R-1.

Special Provision S5

2. Special Provision S5 in Chapter 8.5 specifically refers to UN 2908, 2909, 2910 and 2911. This disapplies 8.1.2.1(b), 8.2.1, 8.3.1 and 8.3.4. However, these UN numbers are included in Transport category 4 of the table in 1.1.3.6.3 which fall under the provisions of 1.1.3.6.2 (exemptions) when carried in any quantity. Paragraph 1.1.3.6.2 disapplies 8.1.2.1 (b), 8.2.1 and 8.3.1 directly. Paragraphs 8.1.5.1 and 8.1.5.2 are also disapplied in 1.1.3.6.2. 8.1.5.2 refers to the portable lighting specification provisions of 8.3.4 so it could be concluded that the requirements of 8.3.4 are also disapplied, albeit indirectly. S5 disapplies

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a specification for a piece of equipment which is not required for the four UN numbers which are referred to S5.

3. Therefore it would appear that S5 is superfluous and can be deleted from both Chapter 8.5 and Table A. The United Kingdom asks the Working Party for its interpretation on this matter.

Special Provision S13

4. S13 in Chapter 8.5 of ADR states:

“When a consignment cannot be delivered, it shall be placed in a safe place; the competent authority should be informed as soon as possible and requested for instructions on how to proceed”.

5. This corresponds with paragraph 579 of TS-R-1 which states (their italics):

“Where a *consignment* is undeliverable, it shall be placed in a safe location and the appropriate *competent authority* shall be informed as soon as possible and a request made for instructions on further action”.

6. Paragraph 579 is disappplied for Class 7 Excepted Packages by Paragraph 514 in TS-R-1. However, S13 is applied in ADR for Excepted Packages of UN 2908, 2909, 2910 and 2911.

Indication of course for further action

7. The United Kingdom asks for the opinion of the Working Party as to whether ADR should be harmonised with TS-R-1 by removing the reference to S13 for UN 2908, 2909, 2910 and 2911 in Table A, or whether the provisions of S13 are in fact appropriate for road transport of these UN Numbers.
