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Proposals for amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN:

Other proposals

Drafting proposals for comments related to Table C and column (5) Dangers

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1. Germany noted that, in subsection 3.2.3.1 of ADN, under “Explanatory notes for each column”, the notes for column (5) do not indicate why the subsidiary risks are placed in brackets for some entries. It is not explained in ADN either.
2. Nor is the meaning of the asterisk, “*”, in columns 6 to 18 mentioned in subsection 3.2.3.1, “Explanations concerning Table C”, as might be expected.
3. After consultations within the Safety Committee, the informal working group on substances was invited to submit an appropriate addition to subsection 3.2.3.1, “Explanations concerning Table C”, for a decision to be taken.
4. It is proposed that the comments to Table C and column (5) Dangers be drafted as follows (deletions are marked in strikethrough and new text is underlined):

“3.2.3.1 Explanations concerning Table C:

As a rule, each row of Table C of this Chapter deals with the substance(s) covered by a specific UN number or identification number. However, when substances belonging to the same UN number or identification number have

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different chemical properties, physical properties and/or carriage conditions, several consecutive rows may be used for that UN number or identification number.

Each column of Table C is dedicated to a specific subject as indicated in the explanatory notes below. The intersection of columns and rows (cell) contains information concerning the subject treated in that column, for the substance(s) of that row:

- The first four cells identify the substance(s) belonging to that row;
- The following cells give the applicable special provisions to be applied, either in the form of complete information or in coded form. The codes cross-refer to detailed information that is to be found in the numbers indicated in the explanatory notes below. An empty cell means either that there is no special provision and that only the general requirements apply, or that the carriage restriction indicated in the explanatory notes is in force;
- If a cell contains an asterisk, “*”, the applicable requirements should be established by applying 3.2.3.3.

The applicable general requirements are not referred to in the corresponding cells.”

“Column (5) ‘Dangers’”

This column contains information concerning the hazards inherent in the dangerous substance. These hazards are included on the basis of the danger labels of Table A, column (5).

In the case of a chemically unstable substance, the code ‘unst.’ is added to the information.

In the case of a substance or mixture hazardous to the aquatic environment, the code ‘N1’, ‘N2’ or ‘N3’ is added to the information.

In the case of a substance or mixture with CMR properties, the code ‘CMR’ is added to the information.

In the case of a substance or mixture that floats on the water surface, does not evaporate and is not readily soluble in water or that sinks to the bottom of the water and is not readily soluble, the code ‘F’ (standing for ‘Floater’) or ‘S’ (standing for ‘Sinker’), respectively, is added to the information.

Where the information is shown in brackets, only the relevant codes for the specific type of carriage should be used.”
