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AMENDMENT TO SUB-SECTION 1.1.3.1 OF ADR

Transmitted by CEFIC

1. Introduction

At the last WP15 meeting of November 2000, CEFIC proposed (TRANS/WP.15/2000/16) to add in subsection 1.1.3.1 dealing with exemptions related to the nature of the transport operation a provision for dangerous goods transported in small quantities by craftsmen, farmers and retailers.

This revised version of the proposal integrates amendments based on the concerns expressed and remarks made by Member States' representatives during the constructive debate that followed the presentation of the initial CEFIC proposal in November 2000.

The amendments relate in particular to :

Limitation of the quantities to a total nominal capacity of receptacles of 50 litres for liquids and compressed gases.

Limitation of the quantities to the value of the table in 1.1.3.6.3 (ex marginal 10.011) when inferior to 50 kg or lt.

The need for the products to be packed in recipients in conformity with the ADR requirements including, when applicable, the ones for inner and/or outer packaging permitted for limited quantities in Chapter 3.4 (allowing in particular the transport of apart inner packaging).

- Better definition of the scope of the exemption that addresses to all actors in the final steps of the distribution chain.

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After consultation with the European Commission, the suggestion to solve the problem through Directive 2000/61 has been abandoned.

2. Proposal

Add in sub-section 1.1.3.1 § (f) as follows:

- f) The carriage of dangerous goods (except those of class 1, 6.2 and 7) by e.g. retailers, farmers or craftsmen during the last steps of the distribution chain to the final users in quantities of not more than:
- 50 kg net mass for solid, liquefied gasses, refrigerated gases and gases dissolved.
 - 50 lt nominal capacity of receptacles for liquids and compressed gases.

When the maximum total quantity by transport unit mentioned in the table of 1.1.3.6.3 is inferior to those values for one of the product transported, this lower limit will apply.

The goods in question must be packaged in compliance with the ADR requirements including, the ones applicable to inner and/or outer packaging permitted for limited quantities in Chapter 3.4.

3. Justification

As already outlined in the last proposal and at the last WP.15 meeting, such a provision will facilitate the compliance with the ADR requirement at the last stages of the distribution chain for small quantities significantly inferior to the ones covered by sub-section 1.1.3.6 . It will also allow to harmonize the solutions adopted at national level.
