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PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

PART 5 OF ADR

**Paragraph 5.4.1.1.1(g) of the restructured ADR - Provisions concerning information
to be entered in the transport document**

Transmitted by the Government of Poland

SUMMARY	
Executive Summary:	The proposal aims to clarify the requirements concerning information on the quantity of dangerous goods carried.
Action to be taken:	Amend the current text of paragraph 5.4.1.1.1(g)
Related documents:	None.

Introduction

The current provision of the paragraph 5.4.1.1.1(g) of ADR requires (for each substance, material or article offered for carriage) the total quantity of dangerous goods covered by **the description** to be entered in the transport document. However, what was intended to be meant by the term “description” (i.e. each item of dangerous goods bearing different UN number, proper shipping name or packing group) does not come clearly from the existing text. Taking into account that the provision in question concerns one of the basic ADR requirements and refers to each consignment of dangerous goods, an action should be taken in order to avoid misinterpretations in practice.

Proposal

Amend the text of 5.4.1.1.1(g) to read:

Proposal 1

“(g) the total quantity of each item of dangerous goods bearing a different UN number, proper shipping name or packing group (as a ... the rest unchanged); ”

The proposed text is based on the wording used in the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (see par. 5.4.1.5.1).

Note: If this proposal is accepted a consequential amendment should be made in paragraph 5.4.1.2.1(a), so that the text under the first indent would read:

“- the total net mass, in kg, of explosive contents¹ for each substance or article bearing a different UN number;”

Proposal 2 (alternative)

“(g) the total quantity of dangerous goods ~~covered by the description~~ (as a ... the rest unchanged); ”

In this proposal it was taken into account that the reference to each item of dangerous goods concerned (i.e. to each substance, material or article offered for carriage) had already been made in the first sentence of paragraph 5.4.1.1.1).

Note: If this proposal is accepted a consequential amendment should be made in paragraph 5.4.1.2.1(a), so that the text under the first indent would read:

“- the total net mass, in kg, of explosive contents¹ for each substance or article ~~covered by a description~~;”

Justification

The text of 5.4.1.1.1 (g) should be amended as proposed due to (at least) the following reasons:

to make the text clear and understandable by using well defined terms: in contrast to its 1999 version the restructured ADR (see explanations to Table A under 3.2.1) limits the scope of the term “description” (of a substance or article) to the descriptive text following the proper shipping name(s);

to avoid ambiguities caused by using in one place the same terms for different purposes: the terms “a description” under the letter (f) and “the description” under the letter (g) of the same paragraph 5.4.1.1.1 have different meanings.

Safety implications

The proposed amendment will not lower the level of safety. In some cases it will improve the credibility of information entered in the transport document.

Feasibility

The proposed amendment will not create costs or any other practical problems.

Enforceability

No enforceability problems will arise from the proposal. It will ease the use of the relevant provisions.
