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**MIXED PACKING OF GOODS OF CLASS 1 IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 4.1.10**

Transmitted by the Government of Germany

The secretariat has received from the Central Office for International Carriage by Rail (OCTI) the proposal reproduced below.

SUMMARY

Executive summary:	For goods of Class 1, two different MP special provisions are given in some cases in Column (9b) of Table A of Chapter 3.2, but are in part mutually contradictory. The aim of this document is to eliminate this divergence.
Action to be taken:	Special provisions MP20, MP22 and MP23 of subsection 4.1.10.4 should be adapted.
Related documents:	None.

Introduction

For some goods of Class 1, two different MP special provisions are given in Column (9b) of Table A of Chapter 3.2, but are in part mutually contradictory. These are combinations of special provisions MP20/MP24, MP22/MP24 and MP23/MP24. In all these cases, MP24 must be considered as an additional rule or as an exception to the special provision which is otherwise applicable. In order to take this into account, eliminate the existing divergence between the MP special provisions referred to and obtain a clearer ruling for the goods concerned, the following proposal is hereby submitted.

Proposal

MP20:

Reword the second sentence to read:

“Shall not be packed together with goods of Class 1 having different UN numbers, **with the exception of goods assigned to special provision MP24 if MP24 is also given [in Column (9b) of Table A of Chapter 3.2].**”

MP22:

Add the following new sentence to the second sentence:

(c) goods assigned to special provision MP24 if MP24 is also given [in Column (9b) of Table A of Chapter 3.2].”

MP23:

Reword the second sentence to read:

“Shall not be packed together with goods and articles of Class 1 having different UN numbers, with the exception of

(a) its own means of initiation, provided that the means of initiation will not function under normal conditions of carriage,

(b) goods assigned to special provision MP24 if MP24 is also given [in Column (9b) of Table A of Chapter 3.2].”

Justification

Safety: No problem since this proposal is only of use if the MP special provision is correctly implemented; it makes no provision for amendments to existing MP special provisions.

Feasibility: No problem.

Implementation: In view of the fact that without it the MP special provisions are mutually exclusive, this amendment, which serves as a clarification, is necessary.