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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

5.4.1.1.6: Empty uncleaned means of containment

Transmitted by the Government of Austria*

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

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SUMMARY

Executive summary:

The text of 5.4.1.1.6 appearing in the 2005 version makes it necessary to prepare new consignment notes/new transport documents for the carriage of empty uncleaned means of containment, even where such consignment notes/transport documents are available from their previous carriage when full. In many of such cases it would simplify matters without diminishing safety if the option existed of re-using these consignment notes/transport documents by including a reference to the empty uncleaned state.

Action to be taken:

Addition of a relevant option in 5.4.1.1.6.

Related documents:

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/94-OCTI/RID/GT-III/2003-B, paras. 92-96.

Introduction

The representative of Austria had submitted proposals in this regard for the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting held in September/October 2003 but they were only partially adopted. It was not considered necessary to give particulars of the last load for the carriage of empty uncleaned packagings, IBCs or large packagings.

This decision not to require such particulars, which involve too much expenditure, should be accepted. In many cases, however, the particulars are available in any case, since the consignment note/transport document for full capacity carriage is still available with the particulars in accordance with 5.4.1.1.6 and could also be re-used for unladen carriage at less cost. The indication of the quantities required for full capacity carriage according to 5.4.1.1.1 (f) would simply be replaced by a specific reference to the empty means of containment in accordance with the United Nations Recommendations (para. 5.4.1.4.3 (b)).

An additional option of this nature, which would not affect the status of the texts decided for 2005, in many cases thus offers both the simplification of the consignment note/transport document and greater informative value than conformity with 5.4.1.1.6.1 would provide. It would moreover be in keeping with the United Nations Recommendations and the rules for sea and air traffic.

Proposal

5.4.1.1.6.3 Becomes **5.4.1.1.6.4**.

Insert a new paragraph 5.4.1.1.6.3:

“5.4.1.1.6.3 For empty means of containment, uncleaned, which contain the residue of dangerous goods other than those of Class 7, consignment notes/transport documents containing particulars relevant to the carriage of these means of

containment when filled in accordance with 5.4.1.1.1 may also be used in place of consignment notes/transport documents containing particulars in accordance with 5.4.1.1.6.1 or 5.4.1.1.6.2. In such cases the indication of the quantity in accordance with 5.4.1.1.1 (f) should be replaced by 'EMPTY, UNCLEANED' or 'RESIDUE LAST CONTAINED'."

Justification***Safety:***

Consignment notes/transport documents used in accordance with the additional option in all cases are of at least equal informative value.

Feasibility:

The option considerably simplifies implementation in many cases; it also results in an improvement in that use is made of particulars corresponding to the United Nations Recommendations and to the rules of sea and air traffic.

Transitional measure:

This would be unnecessary, since an additional option is involved here.
