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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN *

New proposals

Transport of used lighters

Transmitted by the Government of Germany

Introduction

1. At the last Joint Meeting (Bern, 26-30 March 2007), new special provision 654 specific to RID/ADR/ADN was adopted for the transport of used lighters (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/106, para. 61).

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2. The original proposal, discussed by the working group on wastes, was intended to follow as closely as possible the requirements concerning used gas cartridges. The only derogations referred to quantity limits and measures to avoid the combustion of inflammable gas leaks by the lighters' ignition devices.
3. To this end, the wording of the requirement applied to used lighters should be the same as that of special packing provision RR5 specific to RID/ADR/ADN, which is applicable to lighters in general (UN No. 1057).
4. Special packing provision RR5 specific to RID/ADR/ADN is worded as follows:

“RR5 Notwithstanding special packing provision PP84, only the general provisions of 4.1.1.1, 4.1.1.2 and 4.1.1.5 to 4.1.1.7 need be complied with if the gross mass of the package is not more than 10 kg.”
5. When the working group on wastes discussed the issue, it came to the conclusion that the second part of the special provision (“only the general provisions of 4.1.1.1, 4.1.1.2 and 4.1.1.5 to 4.1.1.7 need be complied with”) is the general rule cited in packing instruction P003 (“The packagings shall meet the provisions of 4.1.1.1, 4.1.1.2, 4.1.1.4, 4.1.1.8 and 4.1.3. ...”).
6. Further reflection has revealed, however, that this is not the case, especially since it was considered that, so as to avoid the combustion of inflammable gas leaks or of mixtures of gas and air by the lighters' ignition devices, it would be appropriate to fill the lighter receptacles with water.
7. Consequently, reference needs to be made to 4.1.1.5 to 4.1.1.7 in a new subparagraph of special provision 654.

Proposal

8. In special provision 654 (see document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/106/Add.2), add a new subparagraph worded as follows:

“- the packagings shall comply with the provisions of 4.1.1.5 to 4.1.1.7;”.
