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The following amendments are proposed:

**Chapter 1.4**

(ADR:)

Amend 1.4.2.2.1 (b) to read as follows:

“(b) Ascertain that all information **prescribed in these regulations** related to the dangerous goods to be carried has been provided by the consignor before carriage, that the prescribed documentation is on board the transport unit or if electronic data processing (EDP) or if electronic data interchange (EDI) techniques are used instead of paper documentation, that data ~~is may be made~~ available during transport in a manner at least equivalent to that of paper documentation;”.

(RID:)

Amend 1.4.2.2.1 (b) to read as follows:

“(b) Ascertain that all information **prescribed in these regulations** related to the dangerous goods to be carried has been provided by the consignor before carriage, that the prescribed documentation is attached to the transport document or if electronic data processing (EDP) or if electronic data interchange (EDI) techniques are used instead of paper documentation, that data ~~is may be made~~ available during transport in a manner at least equivalent to that of paper documentation;”.

**Chapter 5.4**

5.4.0 add a new heading to read as follows:

“5.4.0 General”

5.4.0 **Existing text become 5.4.0.1 and should be amend to read as follows:**

"5.4.0.1 Unless otherwise specified, any carriage of goods governed by RID/ADR/ADN shall be accompanied by the documentation prescribed in this Chapter, as appropriate."

**(ADR) Existing Note 1 stays as Note under 5.4.0.1**

**Note 2 of 5.4.0 become new text of 5.4.0.2 to read as follows:**

“5.4.0.2 The use of electronic data processing (EDP) or electronic data interchange (EDI) techniques as an aid to or instead of paper documentation is permitted, provided that the procedures used for the capture, storage and processing of electronics data meet the legal requirements as regards the evidential value and availability of data during transport in a manner at least equivalent to that of paper documentation.”

Add a new **5.4.0.3** ~~5.4.1.4.3~~ to read as follows:

“**5.4.0.3** ~~5.4.1.4.3~~ When the dangerous goods transport information is given to the carrier by EDP or EDI techniques, the consignor shall be able to **give the information to the carrier** ~~produce the information without delay~~ as a paper document, with the information in the sequence required by this Chapter.”.

**5.4.2 Amend the heading to read as follows:**

**“Large container/vehicle (wagon) packing certificate”**

[Proposal to DSC 14: Amend 5.4.2.3 within footnote 4 to read as follows:

"5.4.2.3 If the dangerous goods documentation is presented to the carrier by means of EDP or EDI transmission techniques, the signature(s) may be electronic signature(s) or may be replaced by the name(s) (in capitals) of the person authorized to sign."

Add a new paragraph 5.4.2.4 within footnote 4 to read as follows:

"5.4.2.4 When the dangerous goods transport information is given to a carrier by EDP or EDI techniques and subsequently the dangerous goods are transferred to a carrier that requires a paper dangerous goods transport document, the carrier shall ensure that the paper document indicates "Original received electronically" and the name of the signatory shall be shown in capital letters.".]

[Footnote 4 to 5.4.2 has to be checked after consideration of draft amendments to section 5.4.2 of the IMDG code by IMO.]

5.4.4 Insert a new section 5.4.4 to read as follows: **[accepted by the working group]**

**“5.4.4 Retention of dangerous goods transport information**

5.4.4.1 The consignor and the carrier shall retain a copy of the dangerous goods transport document and additional information and documentation as specified in RID/ADR/ADN, for a minimum period of three months.

5.4.4.2 When the documents are kept electronically or in a computer system, the consignor and the carrier shall be able to reproduce them in a printed form.”.

Renumber 5.4.4 as 5.4.5.

Consequential amendment:

(RID:) In 5.4.1.1.7, footnote 5 and in 5.4.1.4.2, replace "5.4.4" with "5.4.5".

(ADR:) In 5.4.1.4.2 replace "5.4.4" with "5.4.5".