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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

New proposals

Amendment of special provision 560 of ADR/RID

Transmitted by the Government of Belgium^{1,2}

Introduction

1. Special provision 560 in Chapter 3.3.1 currently reads:

“UN No. 3257 elevated temperature liquid, n.o.s., at or above 100 °C and, for a substance with a flash-point below its flash-point (including molten metals and molten salts) is a substance of Class 9.”

2. It was intended to be a reminder of the fact that liquids at or above 100 °C have to be classified as UN 3257 if their temperature is below their flash point or if they don't have a flash point (and not as a UN 3256), but for some reason, the text in English has become completely incomprehensible.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2006-2010 (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1, programme activity 02.7 (c)).

² Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2010/22.

3. It is to be noted that the text in French is better :

« Un liquide transporté à chaud, n.s.a. (No ONU 3257), à une température d'au moins 100 °C et, pour une matière ayant un point d'éclair, à une température inférieure à son point d'éclair (y compris le métal fondu et le sel fondu) est une matière de la classe 9. ».

Proposal

4. Amend special provision 560 to read as follows:

“An elevated temperature liquid, n.o.s. at or above 100 °C and, for a substance having a flash-point at a temperature below its flash-point (including molten metals and molten salts), is a substance of Class 9 (UN No. 3257).”
