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Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN: pending issues

**Harmonisation with the UN Model Regulations – Corrections
and amendments to RID/ADR/ADN**

Note by the secretariat

Corrections

1. At its last session, the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods adopted corrections to the seventeenth revised edition of the UN Model Regulations (see annex II of ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/80).

2. Some of these corrections also apply to RID/ADR as follows:

4.1.1.9 For "6.3.2" read "6.3.5".

Note: This correction should also apply to 4.1.1.3. This will be reported to the Sub-Committee at its next session.

6.2.2.7.7 a) After "of approval" insert "as indicated by the distinguishing signs of motor vehicles in international traffic³".

6.4.9.1 and 6.4.23.5 a) Insert "6.4.8.4," after "6.4.7.5."

3. The secretariat proposes to include these corrections in the lists of amendments to RID/ADR/ADN 2013.

Amendment to the French text of RID/ADR/ADN

4. The text of 3.4.7 and 3.4.8 of the UN Model Regulation was amended in the seventeenth revised edition to reflect the wording of RID/ADR/ADN. These amendments also included a change in the French text to align to the English version as follows:

In the French text, in the description of the marks in 3.4.7 and 3.4.8, "La partie centrale doit être blanche ou d'une couleur contrastant suffisamment avec le fond." was replaced with "La partie centrale doit être blanche ou d'une couleur offrant un contraste suffisant".

5. This new wording correctly reflects the meaning of the English text "The centre area shall be white or a suitable contrasting background." which allows the printing of the black parts of the marks directly on fibreboard packages.

6. This additional change was overlooked during the harmonization process and should be included in the lists of amendments to RID/ADR/ADN 2013. The secretariat has been informed by the industry that the current French text causes a lot of problems with control authorities, and the Joint Meeting may wish to provide guidance on how to proceed pending entry into force of these amendments.

³ *Distinguishing signs for motor vehicles in international traffic prescribed in the Vienna Convention on Road Traffic (1968).*