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Global harmonization of transport of dangerous goods regulations with the Model Regulations**Placarding of cargo transport units****Transmitted by the expert from Spain¹***Summary*

Executive summary: The aim of this proposal is to clarify that, if a cargo transport unit has a multiple compartment tank, and the transported dangerous goods require the same placard, this has to be applied only once along each side.

Related documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2014/18 (Spain)

Introduction

1. The provisions for placarding of 5.3.1.1.4 establish that "...Where the cargo transport unit has a multiple compartment tank which is carrying two or more dangerous goods and/or the residues of dangerous goods, appropriate placards shall be displayed along each side at the position of the relevant compartments."
2. In case the cargo transport unit has multiple compartments, and carries different dangerous goods in the compartments, but requiring all of them the same placard to be displayed, the same appropriate placard has to be displayed several times along each side of the cargo transport unit at the position of the relevant compartments.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2013-2014 approved by the Committee at its sixth session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/84, para. 86 and ST/SG/AC.10/40, para. 14).

3. As this necessity of repeating the same label adds no further information, and may only create additional burdens, it is proposed to add text at the end of 5.3.1.1.4 clarifying that, if a cargo transport unit has a multiple compartment tank, and the transported dangerous goods require the same placard, this placard has to be applied only once along each side.

4. For European land transport modes, this simplification has already been introduced for placarding of vehicles/wagons for carriage in bulk, tank-vehicles/wagons, battery-vehicles/wagons, MEMUs and vehicles/wagons with demountable tanks (ADR 5.3.1.4.1, RID 5.3.1.4).

Proposal

5. Amend 5.3.1.1.4 by introducing an additional sentence at the end of the paragraph (*new text in italics*):

“Cargo transport units carrying dangerous goods or the residue of dangerous goods in unpurged tanks or empty uncleaned bulk containers shall display placards clearly visible on at least two opposing sides of the units and in any case in such a position as may be seen by all those involved in the loading or unloading process. Where the cargo transport unit has a multiple compartment tank which is carrying two or more dangerous goods and/or the residues of dangerous goods, appropriate placards shall be displayed along each side at the position of the relevant compartments. *However, in such case, if all compartments have to bear the same placards, these placards need be displayed only once at each side.*”
