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

UN 3509, Special provision 663

Note by the secretariat

1. When transposing the provisions of the 18th revised edition of the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, applicable to UN 3509, PACKAGINGS, DISCARDED, EMPTY, UNCLEARED, the Joint Meeting decided to replace special provision 374 of the Model Regulations by a more elaborated special provision 663.

2. The first sentence of special provision 663 corresponds to the text of UN special provision 374, except that it does not refer to authorization by the competent authority and that it does not specifically exclude radioactive material.

3. During the UN Sub-Committee's discussion of this issue, radioactive material were excluded at the request of IAEA. The text of special provision 663 is more specific than that of special provision 374, in the sense that it indicates that the residues contained may only be of classes 3, 4.1, 5.1, 6.1, 8 or 9. Class 7 is not listed but it should be borne in mind that radioactive material may also be classified in other classes such as classes 3, 4.1, 6.1 or 8 when special provision 290 is applicable, which means that special provision 663, as currently drafted, does not completely exclude radioactive material.

4. For the purpose of harmonization with the UN Model Regulations, the secretariat proposes to:

(a) Delete the word "nor" at the end of the third indent under "Scope" of special provision 663;

(b) Insert a new fourth indent to read as follows:

“- Radioactive material; nor”

Background reference:

- ECE/TRANS/WP.15/222 (For ADR)
- ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/132/Add.2 (Report of the Joint Meeting on its autumn 2013 session).