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Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN:

New proposals

Limited quantities — marking of cargo transport units

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

Summary

Executive summary: To avoid confusion, it is necessary to indicate the scope of paragraph 3.4.15.

Decision to be taken: Amend paragraphs 3.4.14 and 3.4.15.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2014-2015 (ECE/TRANS/240, para. 100; ECE/TRANS/2014/23, cluster 9, para. 9.2).

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I. Introduction

1. Chapter 3.4 applicable to the carriage of dangerous goods packed in limited quantities contains provisions on both marking for packages (3.4.7 to 3.4.11) and marking for transport units (3.4.13 to 3.4.15).
2. Sections 3.4.7 and 3.4.8 have been grouped together under a heading that indicates their scope, while paragraphs 3.4.13 to 3.4.15 have been kept separate.
3. The scope of 3.4.15 is not indicated. Given that this provision is at the same level as the other provisions in this chapter, this suggests that it applies to all cases covered by the chapter.
4. In order to avoid any ambiguity and arrange the provisions more appropriately, we propose merging paragraphs 3.4.14 and 3.4.15, as indicated below.
5. Furthermore, only 3.4.7.1 applies to transport units. 3.4.7.2 applies only to packages. It would therefore be more accurate to refer to subsection 3.4.7.1 rather than section 3.4.7, as is the case in the current 3.4.15.
6. This amendment would simplify the text of ADR, as the references to 1.9.5.3.6, 8.6.3.3 and 8.6.4 would no longer be necessary, thanks to the new wording.

II. Proposal

7. Amend paragraphs 3.4.14 and 3.4.15 as follows (new text is underlined and deleted text is struck through):

“3.4.14 Markings specified in 3.4.13 shall be those required in 3.4.7.1, except that the minimum dimensions shall be 250 mm × 250 mm. They may be dispensed with, if the total mass of the packages containing dangerous goods packed in limited quantities carried does not exceed 8 tonnes per transport unit.

~~3.4.15 The marking shall be that required in 3.4.7, except that the minimum dimensions shall be 250 mm × 250 mm.”~~

8. Consequential amendments:

In 3.4.13, replace “3.4.15” with “3.4.14” wherever it appears.

(RID:) In 3.4.12, replace “3.4.15” with “3.4.14”.

(ADR:) In 1.9.5.3.6, 8.6.3.3 and 8.6.4, delete “in accordance with 3.4.14”.