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Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN: new proposals

Requirements for the approval of packages for radioactive material: Package design validation

Transmitted by the Government of the United Kingdom^{1, 2}

Introduction

1. The European Association of Competent Authorities (for the transport of class 7, radioactive material (<http://euraca.eu/>)) met in May 2015 and agreed that the following proposed change would help clarify the current intention of the text in 6.4.22.8 regarding unilateral approval for radioactive material package design approvals and provide additional flexibility for consignors when, for example, plans change at short notice. It was agreed that the United Kingdom would submit a proposal (for ADR, RID and ADN).

Proposal

2. Amend RID/ADR/ADN as follows: (The base text shown below is from ADR 2015, 6.4.22.8, with underlined text in bold italics for additions. This amendment should be replicated in paragraph 6.4.22.8 of RID.)

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).

² Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2015/45.

- 6.4.22.8 Any design that requires unilateral approval originating in a country Contracting Party to ADR shall be approved by the competent authority of this country; if the country where the package has been designed is not a Contracting Party to ADR, carriage is possible on condition that:
- (a) A certificate has been supplied by this country, proving that the package design satisfies the technical requirements of ADR, and that this certificate is countersigned by the competent authority of the first intended country Contracting Party to ADR reached by the first consignment of that design approval;
 - (b) If no certificate and no existing package design approval by a country Contracting Party to ADR has been supplied, the package design is approved by the competent authority of the first intended country Contracting Party to ADR reached by the first consignment of that design approval.
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