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

Document relating to ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2017/1. «Extending the scope of application of the provisions of Chapter 5.2 regarding weather-resistance to placards, orange-coloured plates and marks»

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Introduction

1. The March 2017 session was unable to adopt the original proposal of the 2017/1 working document and the amendments (INF.29 and INF.29/Rev.1) presented by UIC as the observations and issues expressed by Finland, Sweden, Belgium and the IRU, could not be responded during the session. The new proposal that UIC is committed to presenting is detailed hereafter.

Proposition 1

Add the following to 5.3.1.1.1 :

2. "The placards shall be weather-resistant and shall ensure durable marking throughout the entire journey."

Proposition 2

Add the following to 5.3.3:

3. "The other provisions of 5.3.1 concerning placards shall apply mutatis mutandis to the mark."

(It is not necessary to amend the provisions for the mark of environmentally hazardous substances, because for these marks, the other provisions of 5.3.1 for placards apply accordingly (cf. last sentence of 5.3.6.2.)).

Feasibility

4. UIC is of the opinion that the proposed measures will enhance safety and that they can be implemented at next to no additional cost. Awareness of the need to use greater care

during marking will be increased among loaders, fillers etc. responsible for affixing placards and marks. Weather-resistant and durable marking will not only prevent irregularities in hazard control, but will also contribute to avoiding delays during transport.
