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**Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B of ADR:
miscellaneous proposals**

Corrigendum for amendments related to the allocation of a transport category for Chemical and first aid kits (UN No. 3316)

Transmitted by the Government of the United Kingdom *

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2018-2019, (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/237, annex V, (9.1)).

Summary

Executive summary: The United Kingdom has submitted a formal paper to the March 2019 session of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting, proposing an amendment to special provision 671 of ADR. This paper, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2019/20 (United Kingdom), Chemical and first aid kits transport category (UN No. 3316), seeks to address the issue whereby certain chemical and first aid kits containing only dangerous goods to which no packing group has been assigned, cannot be allocated to a transport category. This is due to an oversight made when adopting amendments for the 2019 editions of the regulations.

Without allocation to a transport category, transport documents for these kits cannot be completed. Unless corrective amendments are adopted and enter into force before 1st July 2019, this will complicate compliant carriage of these goods according to ADR.

Action to be taken: Conditional on adoption of an amendment by the Joint Meeting in line with that proposed by ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2019/20 or similar: the adoption by the Working Party of the amendment endorsed by the Joint Meeting, and subsequent issue of a corrigendum before 1st July 2019.

Introduction

1. For the 2019 edition of ADR, amendments were adopted to the dangerous goods list for UN No. 3316, CHEMICAL KIT OR FIRST AID KIT, and its associated special provisions. These amendments have the unintended consequence of preventing the allocation of a transport category to kits which do not have an assigned packing group. Transport category information must be provided to hauliers as part of the documentation for a consignment; it is therefore necessary that all chemical and first aid kits can be allocated to a transport category.

2. A formal paper has been submitted to the May 2019 session of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting proposing an amendment to ensure all goods assigned to UN No. 3316, CHEMICAL KIT OR FIRST AID KIT, can be allocated to a transport category. This paper is ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2019/20 (United Kingdom), Chemical and first aid kits transport category (UN No. 3316).

3. Without early enforcement of the amendment proposed in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2019/20 or a similar amendment, from 1st July 2019 when implementation of ADR 2019 becomes mandatory, it will not be possible to allocate a transport category to kits assigned to UN No. 3316 without a packing group. This is expected to cause significant complication for those wanting to transport such kits.

4. The United Kingdom will publish an informal document closer to the date of the 106th Session of the Working Party which will report on the decisions made by the Joint Meeting

on ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2019/20 and provide a final recommendation to the Working Party.

Proposal

5. To adopt amendments endorsed by the Joint Meeting with respect to ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2019/20, and to issue a corrigendum prior to 1st July 2019 for their early implementation.

Justification

6. Without this amendment and corrigendum, those seeking to carry chemical and first aid kits to which a packing group has not been assigned are expected to encounter significant problems as of 1st July 2019.
