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Harmonization with the United Nations Recommendations
on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Use of the term "conveyance"

Transmitted by the Secretariat of OTIF* **

Introduction

1. In the amended wording of 5.1.5.3.2, the ad hoc working group on the harmonisation of RID/ADR/ADN with the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods decided to use the term defined in the UN Model Regulations and the IAEA provisions ("conveyance") instead of the terms "wagon/vehicle" originally proposed by the Secretariat (see document OTIF/RID/RC/2019/22 - ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2019/22 paragraph 56 and OTIF/RID/RC/2019/22/Add.1 – ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2019/22/Add.1).

2. RID/ADR 1.2.1 defines the term "conveyance" as follows:

"For carriage by road or by rail, a road vehicle or a wagon."

ADN 1.2.1 defines the term "conveyance" as follows:

"With respect to the carriage by inland waterway, any vessel, hold or defined deck area of any vessel; for carriage by road or by rail, it means a vehicle or a wagon."

3. It was noted that in the current texts that have been carried over into RID/ADR from the IAEA provisions, the term "wagon" or "vehicle" was used instead of the term "conveyance" defined in 1.2.1.

4. This concerns the following parts of RID/ADR:
   - 1.2.1, definition of "exclusive use",
   - 1.6.6.3,
   - 1.7.1.2, second subparagraph,
   - 4.1.9.1.4,
   - 4.1.9.2.4 (a), (b) and (c),

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5. In the above-mentioned places, ADN uses various terms: "Conveyance", "vessel", "vessel, vehicle, wagon", "vessel or CTU", "vehicle or wagon", "compartment of a vessel, or in another conveyance", "conveyance, hold or compartment of a vessel".

Proposal

6. In order to make the texts consistent, it is proposed to revoke the decision concerning 5.1.5.3.2 of the ad hoc working group on the harmonisation of RID/ADR/ADN with the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and for RID/ADR to amend "each conveyance" to read "each wagon/each vehicle".

7. The decision as to which term should be used in ADN is a matter for the ADN Safety Committee.