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NEW PROPOSALS TO AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

Chapter 3.3, removal of SP 617

Transmitted by the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) */

SUMMARY

Executive summary: The aim of the proposal is to delete Special Provision 617 for reasons related to security as well as to harmonization with other modes.

Action to be taken: Delete SP 617 from Chapter 3.2 and 3.3.

Related documents: None.

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Introduction/Justification

SP 617 : *In addition to the type of explosive, the commercial name of the particular explosive shall be marked on the package and shall be specified in the transport document*

SP 617 is allocated to UN Nos. 0081, 0082, 0083, 0084, 0241, 0331 and 0332. In the light of the security provisions coming into force on 1 January 2005 for RID/ADR, it would be logical to delete the mandatory requirement to add the commercial name of the explosives assigned to the above-mentioned UN Nos. on a package and in the transport document. The commercial name of the explosive on a package or transport document would simplify identification of the explosive and might trigger an unauthorized person to take possession of the explosive for misuse.

In addition, the UN Model Regulations as well as the regulations for the air and sea mode do not require the commercial name for these explosives to be displayed on a package or in a transport document. Deletion of SP 617 would, therefore, facilitate multimodal carriage as well.

Proposal

Delete Special Provision 617 from column (6) in the Dangerous Goods List for UN Nos. 0081, 0082, 0083, 0084, 0241, 0331 and 0332.

Delete Special Provision 617 from Chapter 3.3.

Safety implications

None.

Feasibility

No problems.

Enforceability

No problems.
