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Section 5.5.1: Special provisions for the consignment of infectious substances

Proposal transmitted by Germany

SUMMARY

Executive summary:

On 1 January 2007, detailed provisions concerning the carriage of dead animals, taken from the UN Model Regulations, will be incorporated into RID/ADR/ADN(R) with additional amendments. However, the reference to the competent authority of the country of origin in 5.5.1.3 has not been deleted as a logical consequential amendment. The addition to 2.2.62.1.12.1 (formerly 2.2.62.1.8) of the prohibition on using dead animals for the carriage of infectious substances has made 5.5.1.1 superfluous.

Action to be taken:

Delete 5.5.1.3 and 5.5.1.1 and put the footnotes in 2.2.62.1.12.2 and 2.2.62.12.1.

Related documents:

None.

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Introduction

For the carriage of infectious substances (Class 6.2) in European land transport, the relevant provisions are set out in RID, ADR and ADN(R) 2005.

The provisions concerning classification, marking and packing requirements are largely harmonised in these regulations on the basis of the UN Model Regulations.

However, owing to the introduction in 2005 of completely revised classification provisions for Class 6.2, a range of problems has occurred that should by and large be resolved by a revised version (entering into force on 1 January 2007).

However, one consequential amendment to the amended provisions seems to have been omitted. Although specific provisions for the carriage of wastes have been/are being included in the regulations (introduced in 2005 for wastes of UN No. 2900 and from 2007 for wastes and animal carcasses of UN No. 2900 and animal carcasses of UN No. 2814), the provision in RID/ADR/ADN(R) 5.5.1.3 was retained for European land transport, according to which dead animals which are known or reasonably believed to contain an infectious substance must be packed, marked, labelled and carried in accordance with the conditions specified by the competent authority of the country of origin.

Thus until this provision is removed, all carriage of animal carcasses which are known or reasonably believed to contain an infectious substance is exempt from other dangerous goods rules if they are carried in accordance with conditions that have been laid down by the salient and locally responsible national authority (governed by national law).

This was not the intention of the Joint Meeting or of the other bodies.

Moreover, the addition to 2.2.62.1.12.1 (formerly 2.2.62.1.8) of the prohibition on using dead animals for the carriage of infectious substances has made 5.5.1.1 superfluous.

Proposal

5.5.1 Amend to read as follows:

"(Reserved)".

Consequential amendment: Same amendment to the Table of Contents.

2.2.62.1.12.1 Replace the text of footnote (5) (formerly footnote (4)) with the comprehensive text of footnote (8) to section 5.5.1.1:

"⁽⁵⁾ Regulations governing the carriage of live animals are contained in, e.g. Directive 91/628/EEC of 19 November 1991 on the protection of animals during transport (Official Journal of the European Communities No. L 340 of 11.12.1991, p. 17) and in the Recommendations of the Council of Europe (Ministerial Committee) on the carriage of certain animal species."

2.2.62.1.12.2 At the end of the second sub-paragraph, insert a reference to a new footnote (6) with the following text (existing footnote (10) to paragraph 5.5.1.3):

"⁽⁶⁾ Such regulations are contained e.g. in Regulation (EC) No. 1774/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 October 2002 laying down health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption (Official Journal of the European Communities, No. L 273 of 10.10.2002, p. 1)."

For ADR, these amendments should come into effect in the 2007 edition and for RID they should also be implemented quickly.

As the deletion of 5.5.1.1 also concerns the UN Model Regulations, Germany is prepared to submit a similar proposal to the UN Sub-Committee of Experts.
