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INTERPRETATION OF RID/ADR/ADN */

Marking of packagings (6.1.3.1)

Note by the secretariat

1. Attention of the secretariat has been drawn to the fact that the wording of sub-paragraph 6.1.3.1 (a) is confusing.
2. Since 6.1.3.1 (a) (i) refers to packagings complying with the relevant requirements of Chapter 6.1, and since the simplified conditions of 6.1.1.3, 6.1.5.3.1 (e), 6.1.5.3.5 (c), 6.1.5.4, 6.1.5.5.1 and 6.1.5.6 are part of chapter 6.1, it could be understood that packagings meeting these simplified conditions could be “UN” marked.
3. The text of 6.1.3.1 (a) (ii) is also unclear, because the “RID/ADR” symbol is not the only symbol which may be used for packagings approved for rail transport and road transport.
4. Therefore the secretariat proposes the following changes to 6.1.3.1:
 - (a) (i) Replace the text under the United Nations packaging symbol with the following:

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"This shall not be used for any purpose other than certifying that a packaging complies with the relevant requirements in chapter 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.5 or 6.6, as laid down in the UN Model Regulations. This shall not be used for packagings which comply with the simplified conditions of 6.1.1.3, 6.1.5.3.1 (e), 6.1.5.3.5 (c), 6.1.5.4, 6.1.5.5.1 and 6.1.5.6 (see also (ii) below). For embossed metal packagings, the capital letters "UN" may be applied instead of the symbol;" or

- (ii) Amend to read as follows:

"The symbol "RID/ADR" for composite packagings (glass, porcelain or stoneware) and light gauge metal packagings conforming to simplified conditions (see 6.1.1.3, 6.1.5.3.1 (e), 6.1.5.3.5 (c), 6.1.5.4, 6.1.5.5.1 and 6.1.5.6).

NOTE: Packagings bearing this symbol are approved for rail and road transport operations which are subject to the provisions of RID and ADR respectively. They are not necessarily accepted for carriage by other modes of transport or for transport operations by road or rail which are governed by other regulations."
