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Classification of environmentally hazardous substances

Note by the secretariat

1. At its Spring 2010 session, the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting adopted amendments to the existing 2.2.9.1.10.5 which was replaced by two new paragraphs 2.2.9.1.10.5 and 2.2.9.1.10.6, on the basis of proposals by Belgium and CEFIC (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2010/29, -/2010/30 and informal documents INF.15 and INF.44). (see also report ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/118, para 56 and Annex II) for entry into force on 1 January 2011.

2. During the report reading, the secretariat drew attention to the fact that the text of 2.2.9.1.10.5, as adopted was unclear (e.g. reference to the adoption of a classification, reference to directives which have been replaced by a Regulation etc ...).

3. Members of the Joint Meeting which were present at the report reading agreed that the text adopted should be editorially revised, and invited the secretariat to submit a proposal to both WP.15 and the RID Committee of Experts.

4. Therefore the secretariat proposes to replace the text of 2.2.9.1.10.5 adopted by the Joint Meeting by the following:

"If data for classification according to the criteria of 2.2.9.1.10.3 and 2.2.9.1.10.4 are not available, a substance or mixture shall be classified as environmentally hazardous substance (aquatic environment) if it has to be assigned risk phrase(s) R50, R50/53 or R51/53 or category(ies) Aquatic Acute 1, Aquatic Chronic 1 or Aquatic Chronic 2 according to Regulation 1272/2008/EC*. If it does not have to be assigned such a risk phrase or category according to the said Regulation, it may be not classified as environmentally hazardous substance (aquatic environment)."

* Regulation 1272/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (Official Journal of the European Union No. L353 of 30 December 2008).