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Standards

Standard ISO 11621

Note by the secretariat^{1, 2}

Introduction

1. In 4.1.6.15 of RID/ADR, reference is made to standard ISO 11621:2005. The same standard is also listed in packing instruction P200 in 4.1.4.1 but with a publication date in 1997.
2. The correct publication date for the ISO standard is 1997. An EN ISO version of this standard was however published in 2005.
3. At the March 2006 session of the Joint Meeting, the Working Group on Standards proposed to replace the reference to the ISO standard (dated 1997) in 4.1.6 with the corresponding EN ISO standard (dated 2005) (see informal document INF.39 presented at the March 2006 session).
4. This amendment was not adopted because 4.1.6 applies to UN receptacles and therefore the reference to the ISO version of the standard should be kept as in the UN Model Regulations.
5. However, the annexes of the report of this session (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/102) included an amendment to the date of the standard as follows:

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2010–2014 (ECE/TRANS/208, para.106, ECE/TRANS/2010/8, programme activity 02.7 (c)).

² Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2011/26.

"4.1.6.14 Replace "ISO 11621:1997" with "ISO 11621:2005".".

6. As the correct date of publication of the ISO standard is 1997 and to ensure harmonization with the UN Model Regulations, the Joint Meeting may wish to replace the reference to ISO 11621:2005 as adopted by the March 2006 session with a reference to ISO 11621:1997.

Proposal

7. In 4.1.6.15, replace "ISO 11621:2005" with "ISO 11621:1997".
