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Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN new proposals

Consequential amendments to the introduction of the “Reference steel” definition in 1.2.1

Transmitted by the Government of Romania

1. As a follow up of the introduction of the definition of “Reference steel” in section 1.2.1 Definitions in RID/ADR/ADN, we noticed that there are several consequential amendments to be made.
2. The text of the definition of “Reference steel” in 1.2.1 is repeated – in the same wording - in the definitions contained in the following subsections: 6.7.2.1, 6.7.3.1, 6.7.4.1.
3. Thus, we propose to delete those unnecessary texts. From our point of view, special definitions under 6.7 occur in order to specify concepts which are relevant in that context and restrain their scope and applicability to that section. Thus, they should differ from the definitions in 1.2.1.
4. If the Joint Meeting feels that further explanations should be added, a simple reference could be made instructing the reader to access 1.2.1. We drafted this as a second proposal, as we have some doubts with its relevance, due to the fact that the scope of 1.2.1 covers all ADR, including 6.7. This proposal is drafted according to the current wording in the footnote no.3 under 6.8.2.1.18, 6.8.2.1.19, 6.8.1.20 (twice), 6.8.1.21, but it has no precedent in the current terminology in 6.7.2.1, 6.7.3.1 and 6.7.4.1.

Proposal 1

Delete the text “*Reference steel* means a steel with a tensile strength of 370 N/mm² and an elongation at

fracture of 27%,” in 6.7.2.1, 6.7.3.1 and 6.7.4.1.

or

Proposal 2

Replace the text “*Reference steel* means a steel with a tensile strength of 370 N/mm² and an elongation at

fracture of 27%,” in 6.7.2.1, 6.7.3.1 and 6.7.4.1 with “*Reference steel*, see 1.2.1;”.