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Proposals for amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR: miscellaneous proposals

Reference to the IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code)

Note by the secretariat¹

1. The Working Party at its ninety-sixth session (May 2014), noted the IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code) had been endorsed by the Inland Transport Committee at its seventy-sixth session in February 2014.
2. At that time, the Working Party was not opposed to including a reference to the CTU Code in the ADR as proposed in paragraph 5 of document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2014/7 but the Working Party decided to defer consideration of this question pending formal endorsement of the Code by the IMO Maritime Safety Committee and the ILO Governing body. Following a comment made by the representative of Belgium at that session, the Working Party also agreed that before taking any decision, some consideration should be given to the functional responsibilities of the parties involved in the supply chain defined in Chapter 4 of the Code to check that they did not conflict with those defined in Chapter 1.4 of the ADR.
3. The CTU Code was endorsed by the IMO Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-third session (14 to 23 May 2014) and the Governing Body of ILO, at its 322nd session (30 October to 13 November 2014).

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2016-2017, (ECE/TRANS/2016/28/Add.1 (9.1)).

4. The CTU Code and related information may be consulted on the website of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) at:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/wp24/guidelinespackingctus/intro.html>

5. For ADR 2017, references to the CTU Code have already been adopted in the text of 7.5.7.6 on loading of flexible bulk containers (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/231 and Corr.1) and in footnote 5 under 5.4.2 (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/231/Add.1).

6. The Working Party may wish consider whether it would be relevant to amend footnote 1 to 7.5.7.1 in order to include a reference to relevant chapters of the CTU Code now that it has been approved by the three organizations and officially published.
