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TRANSPORT OF EXPLOSIVES

Mixed transport of goods of Class 1 with dangerous goods of other classes
Mixed transport of explosives and nitrates

Transmitted by the expert from Norway

1. Background

Questions of interpretation has arisen in Norway regarding the text of 7.1.3.2.3 which allows the mixed transport of blasting explosives (except UN 0083 Explosive, blasting, type C) with "...ammonium nitrate and inorganic nitrates of Class 5.1 (UN Nos. 1942 and 2067...").

2. Discussion

It is the part of the text cited above that creates the confusion. The UN numbers listed are the entries for ammonium nitrate with less than 0.2 % combustible material and ammonium nitrate based fertilizer, and not for inorganic nitrates. This creates a certain amount of confusion among the users regarding the substances that may be carried, in particular because no reference is made to the UN Nos. for the inorganic nitrates.

3. Proposal

To avoid this confusion, Norway proposes to change this part of the text of 7.1.3.2.3 to read:

“... ammonium nitrate (UN Nos. 1942 and 2067) and inorganic nitrates of Class 5.1 (UN Nos. 1477 and 3218)”.
