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PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Placarding of transport units carrying packagings

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Introduction

1. When a road vehicle carrying packages containing dangerous goods is transported by rail (piggyback transport), placards have to be placed on the carrying wagon or on the road vehicle itself (the possibility of placing the placards on the vehicle will be introduced in 2007 on the basis of document OCTI/RID/CE/42/5h).

2. It would, indeed, in most cases be easier to affix the placards required by RID onto the vehicle before the road journey starts than onto the wagon at the transshipment station. But in such a case the vehicle would bear placards during the road transport that are not prescribed by ADR, and paragraph 5.3.1.1.5 "Placards which do not relate to the dangerous goods being carried, or residues thereof, shall be removed or covered" could create difficulties during road controls. It is preferable that the placarding requirements of RID are allowed explicitly before and after a piggyback transport, in the same way as what already exists for combined road/sea transports (see paragraphs 61 to 63 of ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/102).

Proposals

3. Change the heading of sub-section 1.1.4.2 to read as follows :

“Carriage in a transport chain including rail, maritime or air carriage”

4. Add the following new 1.1.4.2.3 :

“1.1.4.2.3 Vehicles carrying packages or articles containing dangerous goods, which are not in conformity with the requirements for placarding of ADR because they are placarded in accordance with RID, shall be accepted for carriage in a transport chain including carriage by rail.”.
