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Standards

Proposed revised procedure of cooperation with the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) to ensure conformity of EN standards with RID/ADR/ADN safety requirements for the purpose of incorporation by reference

Transmitted by the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN)

The following text is proposed by CEN as a replacement of the cooperation procedures agreed in September 2002 and revised in September 2005, following the results of the meeting of the inter-session working group on adoption procedures for standards to be referenced in RID/ADR/ADN which was held in Bonn on June 14/15 2010 (see report in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2010/54). Additions and amendments are indicated in bold.

General

The Joint Meeting during its session in September 2010 has recognized that there are, from their perspective, two categories of standards referenced in RID/ADR/ADN:

- **Dedicated standards**

EN or EN ISO standards referring to RID/ADR/ADN in the title, foreword or introduction and related to existing RID/ADR/ADN requirements developed specifically in relation to the transport of dangerous goods.

- **General purpose standards**

For dedicated standards the Joint Meeting has the expertise to evaluate the compliance with RID/ADR/ADN requirements and to influence the content of the standards without having to consult other sectors (such as for standards on the design, construction, testing of pressure receptacles and tanks as well as some packaging standards).

Dedicated standards are subject to the procedures outlined thereafter and are reviewed by the Working Group on Standards for compliance with the regulations of RID/ADR/ADN.

For general purpose standards, only Step 1 and Step 3 of the procedures are followed with the following adjustments: For Step 3, draft standards will be uploaded on the CEN website under a specific folder. Whereas dedicated standards are found in

folders “Dispatch 1, 2, 3 ...” general purpose standards will be provided in folders “For information 1, 2, 3, ...”.

No assessments of the CEN Consultant will be provided and no discussion will normally take place within the Working Group on Standards.

With respect to international standards, national standards and comparable normative documents (ISO/IEC, AFNOR, ASTM, BS, DIN, UIC etc) are outside of these cooperation procedures.

Procedure – **Dedicated** Standards Development

Step 1

The European Committee for Standardization (CEN) will develop standards according to the CEN/CENELEC rules. The CEN consultant will advise the Joint Meeting of work in progress in CEN, which will result in standards, intended to be referenced in the RID/ADR/ADN. The delegations to the Joint Meeting from countries, which are CEN members, can contribute technical comments to their National Standardization Bodies during the CEN (6 months) enquiry period.

Step 2

Draft standards ready for the Enquiry stage will be uploaded to a password protected CEN website accessible only to the members of the Joint Meeting Working Group on Standards and to the delegates of the Joint Meeting. Members who have access to the website will be automatically alerted every time a document is uploaded. The list of standards which will be presented to the Joint Meeting Working Group on Standards meetings will be presented for information as a formal document by the CEN consultant in due time. The members of the Working Group on Standards will comment on the compliance of the standard with the RID/ADR/ADN and their comments will be sent to the CEN consultant to be added to his assessment of the standard. This consolidated assessment will be sent to the Working Group on Standards and its Chairman will present it to the Joint Meeting for information.

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Step 3

As soon as the standard is ready for the Formal Vote, a copy will be uploaded to the CEN website accompanied by the CEN consultant’s pre-assessment which shows how the Joint Meeting’s comments have been taken into account. Members who have access to the website will be alerted automatically each time a document is uploaded.

Comments on the standard’s compliance with the RID/ADR/ADN should be sent to the CEN consultant. The CEN consultant shall evaluate the comments received within one month from the date of circulation of the document. If they are deemed valid, the launching of the CEN Formal Vote may be postponed until any problem revealed has been resolved. Comments received after one month has elapsed will not delay publication but any consequential changes in the standard will be processed by initiating a revision.

Step 4

The Joint Meeting will take the decision to refer to CEN standards based on the delegates' study of the Formal Vote text and taking into consideration the recommendations of the CEN Consultant and of the Joint Meeting Working Group on Standards.

Terms of Reference of the Joint Meeting Working Group on Standards

The terms of reference of the Working Group are restricted to commenting as to whether a **dedicated** standard complies with the requirements of the RID/ADR/ADN. Technical comments will be transmitted to the relevant Technical Committees of CEN.

- The Joint Meeting will request participants to nominate their experts, to assign them to the Working Group and nominate a Chairman;
- The CEN consultant will collaborate with the Working Group;
- Meetings of the Working Group on Standards will be held at the same time as the Joint Meeting, but outside its working hours. Working group sessions will begin on the first Monday of the meeting and will conclude not later than the Wednesday. The Chairman may, exceptionally, call meetings at other times;
- The Chairman will report to the plenary on the evaluation of the standards' conformity with existing regulations;
- The Joint Meeting will include on its agenda an item under which the Chairman of the working group will report to the Joint Meeting.

The procedure is shown in the attached chart.

Process flow-chart for the adoption of EN Standards in RID/ADR (rev. Sep 2005)

