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Section 5.3.3 Special provisions

Transmitted by the Government of Finland

1. Document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/HAR/2011/1 includes draft proposals prepared by the secretariat for the harmonization of RID/ADR/ADN with the seventeenth revised edition of the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.
2. There are new provisions in 5.5.3 applicable to packages and vehicles/wagons/containers/cargo transport units containing substances presenting a risk of asphyxiation when used for cooling or conditioning purposes.
3. The carriage of UN 1845 Carbon dioxide, solid (Dry ice) is not subject to ADR/RID/ADN based on the exemption mentioned for the entry in Table A of Chapter 3.2 and NOTE of 2.2.9.1.14. However, when dry ice is used as coolant the provisions of 5.5.3 will apply. For this reason Finland suggests that the way of informing this would be considered.
4. For example, a wording such as “as coolant, see 5.3.3” could be added for UN 1845 in Table A and in NOTE of 2.2.9.1.14.
5. In 1.1.6, the general idea for the application of 5.5.3 is presented. As the scope of 5.5.3 in RID/ADR/ADN is not only for cargo transport units but also vehicles/containers/wagons (see the heading of 5.5.3 and particularly 5.5.3.2.1) Finland would like to ask if it would be appropriate to add vehicles/containers/wagons in the text of 1.1.6 as well.

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