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Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN:

New proposals

Addition of the terms “Flexible bulk container”, “Sheeted bulk container” and “Closed bulk container” to section 1.2.1, Definitions

Transmitted by the International Union of Railways (UIC)^{1, 2}

1. The draft RID/ADR/ADN Regulations applicable in 2015 provide for the implementation of “flexible bulk containers” (BK3), the definition of which must be added to 6.11.1, after the definitions of “sheeted bulk containers” (BK1) and “closed bulk containers” (BK2).
2. These definitions are not included in section 1.2.1, Definitions, whereas the terms are used in Parts 6 and 7 of the Regulations.
3. UIC believes that this situation does not facilitate the application of the Regulations. Proposal 1 below addresses only the new term “flexible bulk container”. Proposal 2 places the definitions of the terms related to containers together primarily in section 1.2.1, facilitating understanding of the Regulations.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2012–2016 (ECE/TRANS/224, para. 94, ECE/TRANS/2012/12, programme activity 02.7 (A1c)).

² Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organization for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2014/3.



Proposal 1

4. Add to section 1.2.1, after the existing definition of “bulk container”, the definition of “flexible bulk container” (BK3).

In contrast to the texts consolidated by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting in 2012 and 2013, do not add this definition to 6.11.1.

Proposal 2

5. In addition to the modification suggested in proposal 1, also add to section 1.2.1 the definitions of “sheeted bulk container” (BK1) and “closed bulk container” (BK2).

Delete these definitions from 6.11.1.

Replace the title “Definitions” in section 6.11.1 by the reference “(Reserved)”.
