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**Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN:**

**new proposals**

Harmonization of special provision 643 in transport regulations

Transmitted by the Government of Poland**[[1]](#footnote-2)\*, [[2]](#footnote-3)\*\***

Introduction

1. Special provision 643:

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| Language | ADR | RID |
| English | Stone or aggregate asphalt mixture is not subject to the requirements for Class 9 | Stone or aggregate asphalt mixture is not subject to the requirements for Class 9 |
| French | L‘asphalte coulé n‘est pas soumis aux prescriptions applicables de la classe 9 | L‘asphalte coulé n‘est pas soumis aux prescriptions applicables de la classe 9 |
| German | Gussasphalt unterliegt nicht den für die Klasse 9 geltenden Vorschriften | Gussasphalt unterliegt nicht den für die Klasse 9 geltenden Vorschriften |

2. Mastic asphalt and aggregate asphalt mixture are two different goods.

3. Mastic asphalt is a mixture of asphalt (binder) and mineral meal with sand and fine aggregate. It requires no thickening. It is carried in liquid state, in kettles or tanks, with a in temperature of up to 230 °C.

4. Coarse aggregate asphalt mixture – asphalt concrete where asphalt acts as an aggregate binder. Requires thickening after laying. Transported with dumpers with a temperature of approximately 160 °C. The mixture can hardly be regarded a liquid, therefore, by definition, it is not a Class 9 material – its temperature during carriage is below 240 °C.

Proposal

5. The English version of RID/ADR should read as follows: “**Mastic asphalt is not subject to the requirements for Class 9.”.**

1. \* 2020 (A/74/6 (Sect.20) and Supplementary, Subprogramme 2). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. \*\* Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2020/28. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)