

**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**  
**INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**  
**Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**  
**Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee**  
**and the Working Party on the Transport of**  
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**RESTRUCTURING OF RID/ADR**

**Chapter 3.2 : Table A**

**Proposal by the Government of Belgium**

**Introduction**

1. The RID/ADR Joint Meeting decided some time ago to indicate a reference to the relevant chapter or section in the heading above each column of table A in Chapter 3.2.
2. The RID Safety Committee, in its meeting in June 2000, chose not to follow this decision. According to the rules of procedure, this item is therefore returned to the Joint Meeting for reexamination.
3. Belgium is of the opinion that the decision of the RID/ADR Joint Meeting has to be maintained, for the sake of user-friendliness. When the UN-number of the dangerous substance under consideration is known, the action undertaken in the restructured ADR/RID will always be the following :
  - go to table A in Chapter 3.2 to find the codes for the provisions and special provisions that are of interest to the user;
  - go to the correct part, chapter and section in the ADR/RID, to find out what these codes stand for and what general prescriptions are of application.
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 Table A will be found automatically, because of its sheer size, but not so the place in ADR/RID where the general prescriptions and the explanations of the codes are given.

Therefore, eliminating the reference to the relevant chapter or section in the heading above each column of table A in Chapter 3.2 would force all users that are not very well acquainted with ADR/RID through daily use to an extra step : look up (in the table of contents or in section 3.2.1) where to go when table A has been consulted. Avoiding this extra step is well worth the few extra pages needed for these references.

**Proposals**

1. Add the following references in the headings of the columns of table A in Chapter 3.2 (at the top of every page) :

[column (2) : “(2 et 3.1.2)”  
 column (3a) : “(2)”

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column (3b) : “(2.2)”  
 column (4) : “(2)”<sup>1/</sup>

column (5) : “(5.2.2 & 5.3.1)”  
column (6) : “(3.3)”  
column (7) : “(3.4)”  
column (8) : “(4.1)”  
column (9a) : “(4.1.4)”  
column (9b) : “(4.1.1.5, 4.1.1.6 & 4.1.10)”  
column (10) : “(4.2 & 6.7)”  
column (11) : “(4.2.4.3)”  
column (12) : “(4.3, [4.4], 6.8 & [6.9])”<sup>2/</sup>  
column (13) : “(4.3.5 & 6.8.4)”  
column (14) – (19) : to be decided by the WP.15 and RID Committee of Experts separately.

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<sup>1/</sup>: These references all have to do with classification ; for the majority of the users, their utility may be questioned.

<sup>2/</sup>: Chapters 4.4 and 6.9 should be indicated if a reference to the reinforced plastics tanks is included in table A.