SUMMARY

Executive Summary: An inconsistency has appeared between 5.3.1.1.2 and 5.3.1.5.1 regarding placarding of vehicles carrying goods of Class 1.

Action to be taken: Change the words “transport units” in 5.3.1.1.2 to “vehicles”.

Related documents: None.

Introduction

The text of the requirements for placarding of transport units carrying Class 1 in marginal 11 500 (1) of the ADR 1999 was changed during the restructuring. It was split into two separate paragraphs – 5.3.1.1.2 regarding the indication of compatibility groups on placards on transport units and 5.3.1.5.1 regarding the affixing of placards on the same. The text of 5.3.1.5.1 was further changed to refer to “vehicles” rather than “transport units” to give a better indication to the rescue services of the actual dangers associated with each vehicle of a transport unit. Unfortunately, the fact that 5.3.1.1.2 still referred to “transport units” was not picked up, and an inconsistency has appeared that ought to be remedied.

Proposal

Change the words “transport unit(s)” in 5.3.1.1.2 to “vehicle(s)”.

PART 5 OF ADR

Chapter 5.3: Placarding and marking of containers, MEGCs, tank-containers, portable tanks and vehicles

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Justification

As a consequence of the change in 5.3.1.5.1, the text of 5.1.1.2 must be changed accordingly to avoid inconsistencies.

Safety implications

None. Purely an editorial change to avoid inconsistencies.

Feasibility

The proposed change will remove an inconsistency in the regulations and thus facilitate the transport operations.

Enforceability

The expert from Norway sees no problems in enforceability arising from the proposal.