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NEW PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

Visibility of the orange-coloured plate marking

Transmitted by the Government of Belgium*

Summary: Add a new paragraph to 5.3.2 requiring that the orange-coloured plate marking should always be visible from the outside of the carrying vehicle/carrying wagon during the carriage of large containers, MEGCs, tank-containers or portable tanks.

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Introduction

Section 5.3.1.3 (ADR)/5.3.1.3.1 (RID) provides that if the placards affixed to the (large) containers, MEGCs, tank-containers or portable tanks are not visible from outside the carrying vehicle (ADR)/carrying wagon (RID), the same placards shall also be affixed to both sides and at the rear of the vehicle (ADR)/on both sides of the wagon (RID).

There is no similar paragraph for the orange-coloured plate marking.

Proposal

For RID:

- Add a new paragraph:

5.3.2.1.4 If the rectangular, orange-coloured marking prescribed in 5.3.2.1.1 affixed to the large containers, MEGCs, tank-containers or portable tanks is not visible from outside the carrying wagon, the same marking shall also be affixed on both sides of the wagon.

- Amend 5.3.2.1.4, which becomes 5.3.2.1.5, by replacing 5.3.2.1.3 by 5.3.2.1.4.

For ADR:

- Add a new paragraph:

5.3.2.1.5 If the placards prescribed in 5.3.2.1.2 and 5.3.2.1.4 affixed to the containers, tank-containers or portable tanks are not visible from outside the carrying vehicle, the same placards shall also be affixed to both sides of the vehicle.

- 5.3.2.1.5 becomes 5.3.2.1.6.

- 5.3.2.1.6 becomes 5.3.2.1.7 and reads:

- For transport units carrying only one substance, the orange-coloured plates prescribed in 5.3.2.1.2, 5.3.2.1.4 **and 5.3.2.1.5** shall not be necessary provided that those displayed at the front and rear in accordance with 5.3.2.1.1 bear the hazard identification number and the UN number prescribed respectively in Columns (20) and (1) of Table A of Chapter 3.2.

- 5.3.2.1.7 becomes 5.3.2.1.8.

- 5.3.2.1.8 becomes 5.3.2.1.9.

Justification

For obvious reasons of safety, it is essential that the orange-coloured plate markings, like the placards, should always be visible.

See the attached photo illustrating a problem regularly encountered in practice.

Feasibility

No problem. The loader or consignor must ensure that the orange-coloured plate marking is visible.


