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PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN */

Carriage of UN 1057 Lighters for disposal

Transmitted by the Government of Denmark

SUMMARY

Executive summary:	When lighters are carried for the purpose of disposal, the consignor is usually not the manufacturer of the goods. Special provision 201 seems impossible to meet in its entirety in such cases.
Action to be taken:	Introduce a new special provision 6XX containing exemptions from certain parts of special provision 201 on given conditions.
Related documents:	None.

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Introduction

1. When lighters are carried for disposal, it does not seem possible to fulfil all the requirements of special provision 201 in chapter 3.3 in ADR/RID. In this particular case, the consignor is usually not the manufacturer of the goods which means, in practice, that he is unable to meet the requirements concerning the protection of lighters against inadvertent discharge, the sealing of valve mechanisms and ignition devices etc. Furthermore, the consignor does not know the manufacturer of the lighters, which means that he is unable to demonstrate, that the requirements concerning the construction of the lighter receptacles have been complied with. The problem arises not only in relation to professional waste collecting activities but also when lighters are carried for disposal after having been confiscated in airports.
2. On this basis, it is proposed to introduce a new special provision 6XX which states that part of the requirements in special provision 201 do not apply, if the lighters are carried for the purpose of disposal, if a mass limit of 10 kg per package is not exceeded, if the lighters are not packed together with other goods, and if the packages are loaded in open or ventilated vehicles/wagons or open or ventilated containers.
3. The mass limit of 10 kg is already used in RR5 of packing instruction P002 to define a level where certain exemptions are appropriate.
4. It is also proposed to allow the consignor to anticipate that the requirements concerning the construction of the lighter receptacles have been complied with. However, this exemption is restricted to the cases, where the consignors are not participants in the distribution chain for lighters and therefore unable to consult the manufacturer or the importer.

Proposal

- 5.. Introduce a new Special Provision 6XX to read as follows:

“6XX Lighters carried for the purpose of disposal need not be provided with protection against inadvertent discharge and have the valve mechanisms and ignition devices securely sealed, taped or otherwise fastened to prevent operation or leakage of the contents during carriage provided that:

- the lighters are not packed together with other goods;
- the gross mass of each package is not more than 10 kg; and
- the packages are loaded in open or ventilated [ADR: vehicles; RID: wagons] or open or ventilated containers.

Consignors who are not participants in the distribution chain for lighters may anticipate that provisions of [ADR; RID] concerning the construction of the receptacles have been complied with.”

6. In column (6) of table A in Chapter 3.2 insert “6XX” against UN 1057.

Justification

Safety: A relaxation of the provision of special provision 201 is necessary in order to be able to carry lighters for the purpose of disposal. If the relaxation is given on the conditions mentioned in the proposal the lighters can be carried without compromising safety.

Feasibility: No problems are foreseen concerning enforcement.

Enforceability: No problems are foreseen.
