

Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods  
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Agenda item 4

WORK OF THE RID/ADR/ADN JOINT MEETING

**Environmentally hazardous substances mark**

**Transmitted by the Government of the United Kingdom**

**Introduction**

At the recent Joint Meeting held in Geneva between 11 – 21 September 2007, new text was agreed for new paragraph 5.3.6.1 as follows:

“When a placard is required to be displayed in accordance with the provisions of section 5.3.1, large containers/containers, MEGCs, tank-containers, portable tanks and vehicles/wagons containing environmentally hazardous substances meeting the criteria of 2.2.9.1.10 shall be marked with the environmentally hazardous substance mark shown in 5.2.1.8.3, except that the minimum dimensions shall be 250 mm × 250 mm. The other provisions of section 5.3.1 concerning the display of placards shall apply mutatis mutandis to the display of the mark.”

By ADR 5.3.1.7.3, for tanks with a capacity of not more than 3 m<sup>3</sup> and for small containers, placards may be replaced by labels conforming to 5.2.2.2, i.e. minimum dimensions may be 100mm x 100mm.

**Proposal**

To provide for a consistent approach so that the new environmentally hazardous substances mark is the same size as the placard or alternative label also displayed the following modified wording is proposed.

“When a placard is required to be displayed in accordance with the provisions of section 5.3.1, containers, MEGCs, tank-containers, portable tanks and vehicles containing environmentally hazardous substances meeting the criteria of 2.2.9.1.10 shall be marked with the environmentally hazardous substance mark shown in 5.2.1.8.3. The provisions of section 5.3.1 concerning placards shall apply mutatis mutandis to the mark.”

A similar proposal has been made to the RID Committee of Experts for the meeting 19-23 November 2007.

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