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HARMONIZATION WITH THE UN RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS *

New proposals

Class 7 – Transport of radioactive material

Comments on ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/30/Add.1

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Introduction

1. The following paragraph references refer to the new structure for the provisions of Class 7 that are already set out in document OTIF/RID/RC/2007/30/Add.1 – ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/30/Add.1.

2. Subsection 1.7.1.5 includes in 1.7.1.5.1 provisions concerning the conditions under which excepted packages may be carried (implementation of paragraph 515 of the IAEA Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material, TS-R-1, 2005 edition) and in 1.7.1.5.2 provisions

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which do not apply to excepted packages. This has led to discussions and a lack of clarity in the practical implementation, particularly as the listing is incomplete.

3. It is proposed to specify only the applicable requirements and only for Parts 5 to 7 of RID/ADR/ADN in accordance with the IAEA TS-R-1 2005 edition.

4. All other provisions in the remaining parts are unaffected and are also applicable to excepted packages, as appropriate.

5. The provisions of Chapter 1.10 "Security Provisions" implement the provisions of the UN Recommendations in 2.7.9.7 with reference to Chapter 1.4.

Proposal

6. Amend 1.7.1.5.1 to read as follows:

   "1.7.1.5.1 Excepted packages as specified in 2.2.7.2.4.1 shall be subject only to the following provisions of Parts 5 to 7:

   (a) The applicable requirements in 5.1.2, 5.1.4, 5.1.3.1, 5.2.1.1 to 5.2.1.3, 5.2.1.7.1 to 5.2.1.7.3, 5.2.1.9, 5.4.1.1.1 (a) [and (e) to (h)] and 7.5.11 CW/CV33 (5.2);

   (b) The requirements for excepted packages specified in 6.4.4; and

   (c) If the excepted package contains fissile material, one of the fissile exceptions provided by 2.2.7.2.3.5 shall apply and the requirement of 6.4.7.2 shall be met."

7. Delete 1.7.1.5.2.

Consequential amendments due to the deletion of 1.7.1.5.2

8. Add the following sentence in 1.10.1:

   "The provisions of Chapter 1.10 do not apply to excepted packages of Class 7 (UN Nos. 2908 to 2911)."

9. Amend the first sentence of 4.1.9.1.3 to read as follows:

   "A package, other than an excepted package, shall not contain any items other than those that are necessary for the use of the radioactive material."