Introduction

1. The Government of the Netherlands herewith presents an updated systematic presentation of Table A of Chapter 3.2, applicable as from 1 January 2007. In this table all 20 columns of RID and ADR have been included in order to make the differences clear between provisions of RID and ADR. A similar systematic presentation of entries and corresponding transport conditions in the Model Regulations of the UN Recommendations can be found in document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2006/54, which is presented by the Netherlands as guiding material at the meeting of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in July 2006.

2. The updated systematic list of Table A of RID/ADR, applicable as from 1 January 2007, is reproduced in informel document INF.6 (English, French and German) submitted at the last session (see http://www.unece.org/trans/doc/2006/wp15ac1/inf06p1e.pdf link page web).

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Explanation of the systematic list.

3. The grouping of entries has been done according to the following steps:

**Step 1.** The entries in the systematic dangerous goods list have been grouped according to the following criteria:

- Class or division
- Subsidiary risk, e.g.:

Class 3 Flammable liquids without subsidiary risk;

Class 3 Flammable liquids with subsidiary risk toxic;

Class 3 Flammable liquids with subsidiary risk corrosive;

Class 3 Flammable liquids with subsidiary risk toxic and corrosive.

**Step 2.** Within these groups of substances, containing goods with the same classification, a further grouping, where applicable, is made, according to the specific n.o.s.-entries and general n.o.s.-entries, as defined in 2.1.1.2 C and D, e.g.:

Class 3, flammables liquids.

Flammable liquids without subsidiary risk

- Petroleum distillates or petroleum products I, II, III
- Hydrocarbons I, II, III
- Alcohols II, III
- Aldehydes I, II, III
- Ketones II, III
- Ethers I, II, III
- Esters I, II, III
- Mercaptans I, II, III.

Flammable liquids which cannot be assigned to these specific groups are assigned to the more general group:

- Other flammable substances I, II, III.
Step 3. The entries within each group as a result of step 2 are grouped according to the packing group (PG) and consist of the single and generic entries, followed by the specific n.o.s.-entry for that group of substances or articles of a particular chemical or technical nature e.g:

Hydrocarbons PG I:

1108  1-PENTENE
1144  CROTONYLENE
1218  ISOPRENE, STABILIZED
1265  PENTANES, liquid
2371  ISOPENTANES
2459  2-METHYL-1-BUTENE
2561  3-METHYL-1-BUTENE
3295  HYDROCARBONS, LIQUID, N.O.S.

Followed by the hydrocarbons of PG II and subsequently by the hydrocarbons of PG III

The group 'other flammable substances' ends with the general n.o.s.-entry, e.g.:

1993 FLAMMABLE LIQUID, N.O.S.

Purpose of the list

4. The Government of the Netherlands is of the opinion that this Table serves the following purposes:

(a) The table shows the relation between groups of substances with the same hazards (classification) and the conditions of carriage;

(b) It gives the Joint Meeting the possibility to apply the rationalized approach to all conditions of carriage, including tank instructions, packing instructions, special provisions and limited quantities;

(c) Proposals for conditions of carriage for individual entries may be assessed by comparing the proposal with the existing conditions for the group of substances;

(d) It is an excellent tool for the user to assign new substances to the appropriate generic, specific n.o.s. or general n.o.s. entry;

(e) Users of the regulations, like operators of portable tanks and tank-containers, rail tank wagons, tank vehicles and packaging manufacturers will have a useful tool to find out for which groups of substances certain tank types or packaging types, including applicable special provisions, may be used.