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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Chapter 1.2: Definitions and Units of measurement:

Transmitted by the International Road Transport Union (IRU)*

SUMMARY

Executive Summary: The formulation "exemption limits" is not defined in the ADR .

Action to be taken: Add a definition in Chapter 1.2 and amend the heading of sub-section 1.1.3.6.

Related documents: None.

*/ The present document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 1(c) of the terms of reference of the Working Party, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1, which provides a mandate to "Develop and update the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)".

Analysis

1. The IRU noticed that a misinterpretation or misunderstanding can occur with the phrase “exemption to quantities” in ADR.
2. 5.4.1.1.10.1 states: “In the case of exemptions provided for 1.1.3.6, the transport document shall bear the following inscription: LOAD NOT EXCEEDING the exemption limits PRESCRIBED IN 1.1.3.6.”

Observation

3. In sub-section 1.1.3.6 it is stipulated, “exemptions related to quantities carried per transport unit”. Nowhere is it clearly mentioned “exemption limits”, as if it were so clear for everyone that “exemption limits” means “exemption related to quantities”.
4. In the RID there is not such misleading information, even if they have the same sub-section 1.1.3.6, the wording is different from the one in ADR.

Action

5. The IRU asks WP.15 to adopt the inclusion of “extension limits” in brackets, at the end of the heading of sub-section 1.1.3.6, and to add it also in Chapter 1.2 (Definitions and units of measurement) under E as follows: “Exemption limits” means “exemptions related to quantities carried per transport unit”, see sub-section 1.1.3.6.

Justification

6. The proposed amendment improves interpretation and understanding of 5.4.1.1.10.1 by requiring a declaration of its definition.

Enforceability:

7. No problems foreseen.
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