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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

New entry UN N° 3475 into ADR 2009

Transmitted by the International Road Transport Union

SUMMARY

Executive summary: Amendment to document ECE/TRANS/WP15/195 by incorporating the new entry UN N° 3475 into different sub-section in order to have consistency in the upcoming ADR 2009.

Action to be taken: Updating sub-sections 1.8.3.13 and 5.3.2.1.3

Related documents: ECE/TRANS/WP15/195 & INF. 6

Introduction

1. The new entry UN N° 3475 ETHANOL AND GASOLINE MIXTURE will be inserted in table A of the ADR 2009 as follows.

2. As of 1 January 2009, transport companies carrying the substance UN N° 3475 will have the obligation to comply to the sub-section 5.3.2.1.2, which asks for the orange-coloured plates to be displayed clearly visibly on the sides of each tank or each element of battery vehicles, as prescribed in 5.3.2.1.1.
3. The IRU believes that this is a mistake and should be corrected for the ADR 2009, because the UN N° 3475 should be treated the same way as UN N° 1202, 1203, or 1223, or aviation fuel classed under UN N° 1268 or 1863, which are regulated by sub-section 5.3.2.1.3.

4. The IRU noted the same remarks made by the representative of Switzerland concerning the safety advisor having a specific training which is regulated by sub-section 1.8.3.13. For these reasons the IRU believes that the scope of the fifth indent in 1.8.3.13 should be extended to the new entry UN N° 3475 and to aviation fuel classed under UN N° 1268 or 1863.

5. In order to avoid any problems with the introduction of the new ADR 2009, the IRU asks the WP.15 to consider the correction proposed hereafter, which is totally in line with the rules and procedure of the WP.15, for entry into force in 2009 of the new ADR revision.

Proposal

6. In sub-section 1.8.3.13 the fifth indent of 1.8.3.13 should be replaced by "…with UN Nos. 1202, 1203, 1223 or 3475, or aviation fuel classed under UN Nos. 1268 and 1863" instead of “with UN Nos.1202, 1203 and 1223, …”.

7. Sub-section 5.3.2.1.3 should be amended as follows:

“For tank-vehicles or transport units having one or more tanks carrying substances with UN N° 1202, 1203, 1223 or 3475, or aviation fuel classed under UN Nos. 1268 and 1863, …."

Justification

Safety: Improves consistency and safety

Feasibility: No problem

Enforcement: These clarifications make it possible to avoid problems of enforcement of the ADR requirements 2009.

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