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Interpretation of RID/ADR/ADN

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1. Reference is made to document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/108/Add.2 (Texts adopted by the Joint Meeting, Geneva, 11-21 September 2007). For the RID/ADR 2009 the following new paragraph has been adopted:

2.2.9.1.10.4.6.5 Classification of mixtures with ingredients without any useable information

In the event that no useable information on acute and/or chronic aquatic hazard is available for one or more relevant ingredients, it is concluded that the mixture cannot be attributed (a) definitive hazard category(ies). In this situation the mixture shall be classified based on the known ingredients only with the additional statement that: "x percent of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown hazard to the aquatic environment."

2. The text of 2.2.9.1.10.4.6.5 is based on 4.1.3.6 of the GHS. Additionally, the first sentence of the footnote 6 of 4.1.5.1 of the GHS (Decision logic 4.1.1 for hazardous to the aquatic environment)) states the following:

If not all ingredients have information, include the statement "x % of the mixture consists of ingredients(s) of unknown hazards to the aquatic environment" on the label.

3. It seems that the statement in the last sentence of 2.2.9.1.10.4.6.5 is related to the classification but is required to be marked only according to the GHS but not in the transport of dangerous goods.

4. Finland would like to have a confirmation that the statement of 2.2.9.1.10.4.6.5 is not required to be marked in any document related to transport.
