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**Interpretation of the transition period**

Transmitted by the Government of Spain

1. The Government of Spain would like to seek clarification on the interpretation of the general transitional measures of 1.6.1.1 of ADR and RID which allow the carriage of substances and articles of RID/ADR until 30 June 2009 in accordance with the requirements of ADR applicable up to 31 December 2008.
2. Some countries allow to apply parts of the new ADR 2009 or RID 2009 and some of the ADR and RID 2007 for the same shipment, while in others it is mandatory to apply either one version or the other, but never both at the same time, having to decide which one to apply for a specific carriage and not being able to use both.
3. In Spain, we have interpreted that both new version and old version of the ADR and RID could not be applied at the same time for the same carriage, and would like to know whether this is a common thought.
4. We detected some shipments from other countries following certain things of ADR 2007 and others from ADR 2009, and we would like to know if that is or not allowed.

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