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MISCELLANEOUS PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

New proposals

Making Table of Contents and Table B (alphabetical list) official parts of ADR and ADN

Transmitted by the Government of the Netherlands^{1, 2}

SUMMARY

Executive summary: At this moment the Table of Contents and Table B (alphabetical list) of Part 3 are not official parts of ADR and ADN. For several reasons we think that they should be integral parts.

Action to be taken: Making Table of Contents and Table B official parts of ADR and ADN.

Related documents: -

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2006-2010 (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1, programme activity 02.7 (c)).

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Introduction

1. The Government of Netherlands thinks that the table of contents and Table B (alphabetical list) of Part 3 are necessary for reasons of user friendliness: without such tools relevant prescriptions are difficult to find.
2. Providing (amendments on) such tables in right time by the secretariat will make life easier for the Contracting Parties. In several countries a lot of implementation work of changes of ADR and ADN is done by translation agencies that are not quite prepared to make their own changes in these tables without clear guidance.
3. The Government of the Netherlands invites the Joint Meeting to include the tables as official parts of ADR and ADN, as has been done for RID.
4. With respect to Table B a simplification of the table could be reached by only mentioning names in Table B that are mentioned in Table A.
5. By making Table B an integral part of ADR and ADN some consequential amendments are needed in the introduction of the Table B in 3.2.2.

Proposal

6. To make the Table of Contents and the Table B of Part 3 official parts of ADR and ADN.
7. Consequential amendments:

In the introduction of 3.2.2 delete the second and third sentences (“It does not form an integral part are deemed to be authoritative.”).

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