Orange-coloured plate marking of trailers

Comments on document WP.15/2010/4

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1. Sweden and Germany presented in document WP.15/2010/4 a proposal on marking of trailers separated from their tractor units. This proposal was not accepted.

2. This Informal document is more in line with the views from the meeting.

3. The first paragraph is a general requirement for all trailers separated from their tractor units.

4. The second paragraph contains requirements for trailers to be carried on rail as piggyback transport. With this requirement the handling in rail-road terminals will be considerably improved. Similar requirements exist in 5.3.1.3 and 5.3.1.4.1 as notes.

Proposal

5. Add a new 5.3.2.1.X to read as follows:

"Trailers separated from their tractor units shall display orange-coloured plates according to 5.3.2.2.1.1 to 5.3.2.1.4 as appropriate but shall at least display orange-coloured plates according to 5.3.2.1.1 at the rear.

When trailers are known beforehand to be carried in piggyback transport on rail in accordance with RID 1.1.4.4, orange-coloured plates shall also be displayed at the front of the trailers."

6. Transitional period:

"1.6.1.X The requirements on orange-coloured marking of trailers in 5.3.2.1.X need not to be applied until 1 January 2012."