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Orange-coloured plate marking of trailers

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1. According to the definition of transport unit in 1.2.1, a separated trailer is not a transport unit. So marking requirements of 5.3.2.1 are not applicable to a separated trailer.
2. The first paragraph is a general requirement for all trailers separated from their drawing vehicle.
3. 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

4. In 5.3.2.1.X
Orange-coloured plates as required in 5.3.2.1 shall not be removed from trailers when they are separated from their drawing vehicle.
 5. When it is known before the start of the journey that a separated trailer, carrying packages only, will be part of a piggyback transport on rail in accordance with 1.1.4.4 RID, an orange-coloured plate as required in 5.3.2.1 shall also be displayed at the front of the trailer[, unless placards are affixed in accordance with 1.1.4.4.3 RID].
 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.
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