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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

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Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN: pending issues

Limited quantities – comments on the proposal in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2010/11 submitted by the secretariat of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF)

Transmitted by the Government of the United Kingdom

1. The UK supports the majority of the proposal contained within ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2010/11 and is in agreement that the instruction for the amendment to Table A as presented in OTIF/RID/RC/2009-B/Add.1 – ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/116/Add.1 should be changed.

Note by the secretariat: see also informal document INF.23.

2. Paragraph 4 d) of ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2010/11 states that;

"(d) For substances to which packing group I is only assigned in RID/ADR/ADN, but not in the UN Model Regulations (UN numbers 1169, 1197, 1266, 1286 and 1287), the figure "0" should be entered;"

3. The UK notes this difference between RID/ADR/ADN and the UN Model Regulations and believes that this should be addressed in order to harmonise the systems. We also feel that the allocation of PGI is questionable for the UN numbers listed in paragraph 4(d).

4. The UK therefore seeks the views of the Joint Meeting on this issue particularly if there is support for the retention of PGI for these substances. If there are good reasons for the retention the UK proposes that the issue should be referred to UN Sub Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods for their consideration with the aim of harmonisation between the UN Model Regulations and RID/ADR/ADN.

5. If it is evident that there is no good reason for the retention of PGI for these UN numbers then the UK believes that they should be deleted from RID/ADR/ADN. The UK would be prepared to submit a formal proposal for this deletion at the next Joint Meeting.
