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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

New proposals

Transitional period for the requirement in sub-section 6.5.2.2.4
concerning marking of inner receptacles of composite IBCs

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

Summary

Executive Summary:	New requirements for markings of inner receptacles of composite IBCs manufactured after 1 January 2011 will enter into force in ADR and RID 2011.
Action to be taken:	Insert a new transitional period in Chapter 1.6
Related documents:	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2009/16/Add.1 Informal document INF.11 (eighty-seven session of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods WP.15) OTIF/RID/CE/2009/11 (forty-seven session of the RID Committee)

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Introduction

1. At the last sessions of WP.15 and of the RID Committee of Experts in November, decisions from the Joint meeting were adopted for entering into force in ADR and RID 2011. At these meetings, new provisions for marking of composite IBCs were adopted for sub-section 6.5.2.2.4. The provisions shall apply for inner receptacles manufactured after 1 January 2011.
2. However, no transitional period was adopted, and at the date when these provisions will enter into force, i.e. 1 January 2011, most countries will not even have published the new editions of ADR and RID. To fulfil these new provisions at that date will therefore be impossible, this is why we propose to introduce a transitional period of 6 month.
3. For user-friendliness, we prefer all transitional periods to be stated in Chapter 1.6. Furthermore, since the same text has already been introduced in the UN Model Regulations, sub-section 6.5.2.2.4, we believe these texts shall be harmonized.

Proposal

4. Introduce a new transitional period in Section 1.6.X to read:

“1.6.X Inner receptacles of composite IBCs manufactured before 1 July 2011 may be marked in accordance with the requirements of 6.5.2.2.4 in force up to 31 December 2010.”.
