Informal working group on packaging waste

Held on 15th and 16th April 2010 at the Federal Ministry of Transport, Housing and Urban affairs in Bonn, Germany

Transmitted by Germany on behalf of the working group

Introduction

1. During the last Joint Meeting of RID/ADR/ADN a document of FEAD (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2009/36 respectively OTIF/RID/RC/2009/36) which deals with the carriage of packaging waste was available but was not discussed because of absence of a designated representative. Thus the connected informal document from Sweden (see INF.28 from September 2009) was not discussed either. Germany proposed to discuss this item in an intersessional working group hosted by FEAD. Germany offered a meeting place at the Federal Ministry of Transport, Housing and Urban affairs in Bonn.

2. Because this working group was not an official one, no mandate was given by the Joint Meeting (see paragraph 22 of the report ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/118 respectively OTIF/RID/RC/2010-A).

Attendance

3. During the meeting of the working group the following member states were present: Germany, France and The Netherlands. Furthermore FEAD was represented. The Working Group was chaired by Ingo Döring from the BAM Federal Institute of Material Research and Testing.

Scope

4. The aim of the working group was as mentioned in the report of the March 2010 Joint Meeting session to prepare a new proposal on transport of packaging waste. FEAD presented two new documents. After a short discussion the working group came to the conclusion that the easiest possibility to solve the problem will be to introduce a new special provision for a few UN numbers similar as that one which was introduced by The Netherlands for paints of UN 1263 (see SP 650). Thus the two new proposals from FEAD were withdrawn.
Results
5. For the UN numbers 3175, 3243, 3244 and 3077, a new SP 6xx should be introduced (see informal document to be submitted by the European Federation of Waste Management and Environmental Services (FEAD)). UN 3175 should be used for packaging waste which contained dangerous goods of classes 3 and 4.1, UN 3243 those of class 6.1, UN 3244 those of class 8 and UN 3077 those of class 9, environmentally hazardous substances.

Further discussions
6. The question how to carry packaging waste which contained dangerous goods of one of the mentioned classes above with one or more subsidiary risks could not be solved during the working group.