Draft Proposal of amendments to European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

Flexible bulk container

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Introduction

1. Flexible bulk container are included into the Frame Regulations of UN and International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code), BK3 Code is set.

2. But amendments implementation to the requirements to flexible bulk containers (BK3) to European Regulations of dangerous goods transportation is delayed because on the session 21 European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods on Inland Waterway (AND) transferred the issue solution to the next session (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/44, point 29-31). During the Joint Committee of RID and experts of the dangerous goods transportation Work Group (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/128, point 48-50) the decision was made concerning the issue solution was determent. But agreement of the Working Group creation was reached; the following is planned within the frames of the Working Group:

   - determination of BK3 use in inland transport limitation;
   - drawing up recommendation on BK3 containers use possibilities in case of multimodal transportation by automobile, railway transports and inland-waterways vessel;
   - developing of corresponding suggestions for competent authorities consideration.

Proposal

3. IDGGA suggests to hold a meeting of unofficial Working Group in Saint-Petersburg in April 2013. The meeting organization – hotels and lecture hall reservation, reception, transfer and other organization expenses – to be undertaken by IDGGA.

4. The meeting participants undertake transport expenses (airplane tickets) and accommodation.
5. The exact date of the Working group meeting to be agreed with secretariat of United Nations' Sub-Committee of Experts and experts interested in participation in the Working Group.