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Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN: new proposals

Amendment to 1.4.3.3 – Mark for elevated temperature substances and environmentally hazardous substance mark

Transmitted by the Government of Austria¹, ²

Summary

Executive summary: Under 1.4.3.3 (h), the filler must ensure that the orange plates and placards or labels are affixed. Marks for elevated temperature substances and environmentally hazardous substances are not mentioned.

Decision to be taken: Supplement 1.4.3.3 (h) with marks for elevated temperature substances and environmentally hazardous substances.

Introduction

1. RID/ADR/ADN sections 1.4.2 and 1.4.3 establish the responsibilities of the persons involved in carriage in respect of the marking under Chapter 5.3 as well. Here, the filler plays a crucial role. Under 1.4.3.3 (h), the filler must ensure that the orange plates and placards or labels are affixed on tanks, wagons/vehicles and large and small containers.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2010–2014 (ECE/TRANS/208, para. 106, ECE/TRANS/2010/8, programme activity 02.7 (c)).
² Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2012/20.
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2. Fillers sometimes cite this as proof that such a task is not among their responsibilities. Austria supposes that this distinction is unintentional, as it sees no reason for it to be made deliberately.

Proposal

3. In 1.4.3.3 (h), insert the following after “placards or labels”:
   “as well as marks for elevated temperature substances and environmentally hazardous substances”.

Justification

Safety: The amendment ensures that all necessary marks are affixed from the beginning of carriage in a tank or in bulk, thus improving safety.

Feasibility: No problem foreseen. The amendment establishes a legal safeguard, corresponds for the most part with practice, and otherwise involves only a small addition to the tasks to be performed, without imposing any truly new requirement.