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

Corrections to ECE/WP.15/AC.1/2012/28 and INF.4 Carriage in Bulk

1. The United Kingdom has noticed an error in document ECE/WP.15/AC.1/2012/28. Replace paragraph 4 with the following text:

   "4. As reflected in the discussions at the Joint Meeting, the question arose as to whether the requirement of carriage as a wagon load or a full load (AP7) should apply to rail transport when it applied to road transport. The working group on tank and vehicle technology remitted this question to the International Union of Railways (UIC) that has subsequently advised the United Kingdom delegation that UIC considers that the assignment of AP7 in 7.3.3.2.4, 7.3.3.2.5 and 7.3.3.2.6 can be maintained for rail transport. AP7 has thus been maintained in the RID text for these paragraphs. The working group on tank and vehicle technology also questioned the need for the last paragraph of 7.3.1.1 of RID (see paragraph 5 of INF.XX)."

2. To reflect this correction it is necessary to add the following text to 7.3.3.2.6 of Annex B of ECE/WP.15/AC.1/2012/28:

   "AP7 [Except for UN 2794, UN 2795, UN 2800, UN 3028] carriage shall only be as a wagon load or a full load."

3. This same amendment is also necessary for 7.3.3.2.6 in the proposed full text of Chapter 7.3 of RID which is presented on page 15 of INF.4.

4. The United Kingdom has also noticed an error in the sequential numbering of paragraphs for the full text of Chapter 7.3 of RID in INF.4. The error occurs on page 14 with the numbering of the paragraphs relating to ‘Goods of Class 4.2’ which should be numbered 7.3.3.2.2, ‘Goods of Class 4.3’ which should be numbered 7.3.3.2.3 and ‘Goods of Class 6.1’ which should read ‘7.3.3.2.5’.

5. To align the RID text in 2012/28 and INF.4 with that proposed for ADR, the United Kingdom also believes that the last paragraph of 7.3.1.1 before the Note should be deleted (page 7 of 2012/28 and page 9 of INF.4). This currently reads:

   “Unless otherwise provided in the special provisions in 7.3.3, the receptacle requirements for packages shall apply to small containers intended for the carriage of substances in bulk.”
The reason for this is that it is proposed that there should not be any differentiation between the use of small containers and large containers which would make the existing statement in RID unnecessary.

6. Finally amendment is required in the ‘Consequential amendments to Chapter 3.2’ section of 2012/28 and INF.4 as follows:

2012/28 (page 6 and page 9) Replace “...in accordance with the principles in informal document INF.5.” with “... in accordance with the principles in informal document INF.5 and as shown in INF.15.”

INF.4 (page 8 and page 15) Replace “… in accordance with this Annex.” with “… in accordance with the principles in informal document INF.5 and as shown in INF.15.”