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

Updating of references to European Union instruments (hazardous wastes; toxic substances; corrosive substances; substances hazardous to the aquatic environment)

Note by the secretariat

1. Paragraph 2.1.3.5.5 of RID/ADR/ADN indicates that “if the substance to be carried is a waste, with a composition that is not precisely known, its assignment to a UN number and packing group in accordance with 2.1.3.5.2 may be based on the consignor’s knowledge of the waste, including all available technical and safety data as requested by safety and environmental legislation in force2.


2. Footnote 2 refers to a number of decisions and directives issued under the authority of various bodies of the European Union (Commission, European Parliament and Council). The secretariat has noticed that some of the directives referred to were repealed a few years ago and have been replaced by directives that are themselves under revision. Directives 2006/12/EC and 91/689/EEC have been repealed by article 41 of Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008, with effect from 12 December 2010. It means that currently, the assessment of the hazardousness of waste in the European Union is done on the basis of Decision 2000/532/EC on the List of Wastes, and on Annex III to Directive 2008/98/EC on waste, which defines the properties that render wastes hazardous.

3. For these reasons, the secretariat suggests that footnote 2 should be revised to read as follows:


It is therefore possible that the references proposed in para 3 above need be amended again, depending on whether the decision and directive in question are replaced or simply amended, but it seems that so far, the intent is to amend them.

5. As Directives 67/548 EC and 1999/45/EC will be obsolete on 1 June 2015, the Joint Meeting may also wish to consider whether paragraphs 2.2.61.1.14, 2.2.8.1.9 and 2.2.9.1.10.5 need be amended.