Elevated temperature substance mark: application of 5.3.3 of ADR 2015

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1. Section 5.3.3 of ADR 2015 points out that tank-vehicles, tank-containers, portable tanks, special vehicles or containers or specially equipped vehicles or containers containing a substance that is carried or handed over for carriage in a liquid state at or above 100 °C or in a solid state at or above 240 °C shall bear on both sides and at the rear for vehicles, and on both sides and at each end for containers, tank-containers and portable tanks, the mark shown in Figure 5.3.3.

2. In ADR 2013, according to special provision 580, the carriage of UN Nos. 3256, 3257 or 3258 was the only one bearing this mark.

3. ADR 2015 does not provide any transitional period to implement this new requirement. The carriers will therefore have to install special plate holders on tanks containing substances other than those listed above in a relatively short time given the large number of tanks and substances which are concerned.

4. That is why we propose to introduce a transitional measure in Chapter 1.6 to enable carriers to bear the marks required by 5.3.3 in sufficient time.

Proposal

5. In 1.6.1, add the following transitional measure:

“1.6.1.X  It is not necessary to affix the elevated temperature substance mark shown in Figure 5.3.3 before [1 January 2016/1 July 2016] for the carriage of a substance that is carried or handed over for carriage in a liquid state at or above 100 °C or in a solid state at or above 240 °C, except substances of UN Nos. 3256, 3257 and 3258.”