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

Proposed amendment to special provision 581 in Chapter 3.3 of RID/ADR/ADN/SMGS, annex 2

Transmitted by the Government of the Russian Federation^{1,2}

Introduction

1. Special provision 581 in Chapter 3.3 (“Special provisions applicable to certain articles or substances”) of RID/ADR/ADN/SMGS, annex 2 provides for mixtures of methylacetylene and propadiene with hydrocarbons to be classified on the basis of the percentage by volume of the components and for the use of technical names.
2. It has come to the attention of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation and training establishments that parties involved encounter considerable difficulties in interpreting special provision 581 due to extensive repetitiveness in the wording and figures cited in it.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2014–2015 (ECE/TRANS/240, para. 100; ECE/TRANS/2014/23, cluster 9, para. 9.2).

² Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2014/46.



Proposal

3. The Ministry of Transport therefore proposes the following amendment: special provision 581, Chapter 3.3 (“Special provisions applicable to certain articles or substances”) of RID/ADR/ADN/SMGS, annex 2, should be put into a table, which will eliminate needless repetition of wording and figures.

Amend special provision 581 as follows:

“581 The special provision covers the following mixtures:

<i>Mixture</i>	<i>Content, % by volume</i>				<i>Permitted technical name for purposes of 5.4.1.1</i>
	<i>Methylacetylene and propadiene, not more than</i>	<i>Propane and propylene, not more than</i>	<i>C4-saturated hydrocarbons, not more than</i>		
P1	63	24	14		“Mixture P1”
P2	48	50	5		“Mixture P2”

Justification

4. The amendment will simplify the process of classifying mixtures of gases and using technical names and remove the risk that special provision 581 to RID/ADR/ADN/SMGS, annex 2 will be misunderstood.

Enforceability

5. No difficulties with the enforcement of the amendment are foreseen.
