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

Deletion of packing groups for articles: consequential amendments

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Summary

Executive summary: Articles are no longer assigned to packing groups. Consequently, for some articles it is not possible to find information in table 1.1.3.6.3.

Action to be taken: Amend table 1.1.3.6.3.

Related documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2013/31/Add.1 and ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/84, para. 27.

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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/2015/42.
I. Introduction

1. In the RID/ADR/ADN 2015, the packing groups for articles have been deleted and new articles without a packing group have been introduced in table A of chapter 3.2. This is the result of the harmonization of the provisions of RID/ADR/ADN with those of the UN Model Regulations (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2013/31/Add.1). Currently, there is only one article assigned to a packing group (UN No. 3165, aircraft hydraulic unit fuel tank). This entry might be deleted in the future (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/84, para. 27).

2. No consequential amendments have been made in table 1.1.3.6.3. As a result, for some articles it is no more possible to determine the maximum total quantity allowed per wagon, large container or transport unit with the information given in table 1.1.3.6.3.

3. The articles concerned are UN Nos. 1700, 2016, 2017, 3090, 3091, 3292, 3356, 3480, 3481, 3506 and 3508. We propose to introduce these entries in table 1.1.3.6.3.

4. By doing so, table 1.1.3.6.3 will contain the same level of information as when the articles still had packing groups. No change is being made to the transport conditions.

II. Proposal

5. In the second column of table 1.1.3.6.3,
   (a) For transport category 2:
       After Class 4.1, add the following text:
       “Class 4.3: UN No. 3292
       Class 5.1: UN No. 3356”;

       For class 6.1, before the existing text add “UN Nos. 1700, 2016 and 2017”;

       For class 9, replace “UN No. 3245” with “UN Nos. 3090, 3091, 3245, 3480 and 3481”;

   (b) For transport category 3:

       For class 8, replace “and 3477” with “, 3477 and 3506”;

   (c) For transport category 4:

       For class 9, replace “and 3509” with “, 3508 and 3509”.

6. In addition, we propose to delete the words “and articles” and “or articles” whenever the phrase “substances and articles belonging to packing group” respectively “substances or articles belonging to packing group” appears in table 1.1.3.6.3 (appears four times; in the English version only, the word “or” appears instead of “and” on one occurrence, under transport category 2).