

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the  
Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods  
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**NEW PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN**

**Empty uncleaned means of containment**

**Belgian comments to document TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/39**

**Comments**

Belgium can agree to the principles set out in document TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/39 of Austria, and the exceptions to 5.4.1.1.1 should indeed be expressed more clearly as such in 5.4.1.1.6.1 and 5.4.1.1.6.2.

However, the proposals formulated in this document would result in rather complicated texts, mainly because the provisions concerning the empty means of containment are put in two different places (5.4.1.1.1 and 5.4.1.1.6).

Moreover, Belgium is of the opinion that the provision contained in proposal 2 would eliminate a lot of difficulties for many tank carriers, and should therefore be introduced. It needs however to appear in the text of the regulations itself, and not in a note.

The extra words, quoted in proposal 1 and 2, need not be given in different languages ; the language problem is adequately addressed in 5.4.1.4.1.

**Proposals**

1. In 5.4.1.1.1 (e), add the words “when applicable” after “the packages”.
2. In 5.4.1.1.1 (f), eliminate the words “with the exception of empty means of containment, uncleaned,”
3. Replace 5.4.1.1.6 with :
  - 5.4.1.1.6 *Special provisions for empty means of containment*
  - 5.4.1.1.6.1 For empty means of containment, uncleaned, which contain the residue of dangerous goods of classes other than Class 7, the words “EMPTY, UNCLEANED” should be indicated before or after the proper shipping name required in 5.4.1.1.1 (b). Moreover, 5.4.1.1.1 (f) does not apply.
  - 5.4.1.1.6.2 The special provision of 5.4.1.1.6.1 may be replaced with the provisions of 5.4.1.1.6.2.1, 5.4.1.1.6.2.2 or 5.4.1.1.6.2.3, as appropriate.
  - 5.4.1.1.6.2.1 For empty packagings, uncleaned, which contain the residue of dangerous goods of classes other than Class 7, including empty uncleaned receptacles for gases with a capacity of not more than 1000 litres, the particulars according to 5.4.1.1.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), [(e) and (f)] (*ADR only*) /[(e), (f) and (j)] (*RID only*) are replaced with "EMPTY

PACKAGING", "EMPTY RECEPTACLE", "EMPTY IBC" or "EMPTY LARGE PACKAGING", as appropriate, followed by the information of the goods last loaded, as described in 5.4.1.1.1 (c).

Example : "EMPTY PACKAGING, 6.1 (3)".

For empty packagings, uncleaned, which contain the residue of dangerous goods of Class 2, the information prescribed in 5.4.1.1.1 (c) may, in addition to the above exceptions, be replaced by the number of the class "2".

- 5.4.1.1.6.2.2 For empty means of containment other than packagings, uncleaned, which contain the residue of dangerous goods of classes other than Class 7 and for empty uncleaned receptacles for gases with a capacity of more than 1000 litres, the particulars according to 5.4.1.1.1 (a) to (d) [and (j)] (*RID only*) are preceded by ["EMPTY TANK WAGON"] (*RID only*), "EMPTY TANK VEHICLE", "EMPTY DEMOUNTABLE TANK", "EMPTY TANK CONTAINER", "EMPTY PORTABLE TANK", ["EMPTY BATTERY-WAGON"] (*RID only*), "EMPTY BATTERY-VEHICLE", "EMPTY MEGC", ["EMPTY WAGON"] (*RID only*), "EMPTY VEHICLE", "EMPTY CONTAINER" or "EMPTY RECEPTACLE", as appropriate, followed by the words "LAST LOAD :". Moreover, paragraph 5.4.1.1.1 (f) does not apply.

[ Example :

"EMPTY TANK-VEHICLE, LAST LOAD: UN 1098 ALLYL ALCOHOL, 6.1(3), I" or "EMPTY TANK-VEHICLE, LAST LOAD: ALLYL ALCOHOL, 6.1(3), UN 1098, I" ] (*ADR only*)

[ Example :

"EMPTY TANK-WAGON, LAST LOAD: 663 UN 1098 ALLYL ALCOHOL, 6.1(3), I" or "EMPTY TANK-WAGON, LAST LOAD: ALLYL ALCOHOL, 6.1(3), 663 UN 1098, I" ] (*RID only*)

- 5.4.1.1.6.2.3 When empty means of containment, uncleaned, which contain the residue of dangerous goods of classes other than Class 7, are returned to the consignor, the consignment notes/transport documents prepared for the full-capacity carriage of these goods may also be used. In such cases, the indication of the quantity is to be eliminated (by effacing it, striking it out or any other means) and replaced by the words "EMPTY, UNCLEARED RETURN".
- 5.4.1.1.6.3 If empty tanks, battery-vehicles and MEGCs, uncleaned, are carried to the nearest place where cleaning or repair can be carried out in accordance with the provisions of 4.3.2.4.3 or 7.5.8.1, the following additional entry shall be made in the transport document : "Carriage in accordance with 4.3.2.4.3" or "Carriage in accordance with 7.5.8.1".
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