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Interpretation of RID/ADR/ADN

Comments on INF.21 RID/ADR 1.1.3.1 and Radioactive Material

Transmitted by the Government of Sweden

Introduction

Sweden has a different view regarding the application of RID/ADR 1.1.3.1 as stated in INF.21.

To our understanding, the note in 1.1.3.1 does not only relate to 1.1.3.1 (f), but applies to all exemptions stated in sub-section 1.1.3.1. Exemptions related to radioactive materials are listed in 1.7.1.4 (compare TS-R-1 para. 107). However, since there is a sentence in 1.1.3.1 (c) that specifically states that (c) does not apply to Class 7, Sweden understands this might lead to confusion whether the other exemptions in 1.1.3.1 are applicable to Class 7.

Sweden believes that since the exemptions listed in sub-section 1.1.3.1 are not applicable to Class 7, this should be made clear in the beginning of the sub-section, in line with what is already done for the exemptions listed in 1.1.3.4.

Proposal

Amend the text in 1.1.3.1 as follows (proposed amendments are underlined or stricken out):

“1.1.3 Exemptions

1.1.3.1 Exemptions related to the nature of the transport operation

NOTE: For radioactive material, see 1.7.1.4.

The provisions laid down in ADR do not apply to:

- (a) The carriage of dangerous goods by private individuals where the goods in question are packaged for retail sale and are intended for their personal or domestic use or for their leisure or sporting activities provided that measures have been taken to prevent any leakage of contents in normal conditions of carriage. When these goods are flammable liquids carried in refillable receptacles filled by, or for, a private individual, the total quantity shall not exceed 60 litres per receptacle and 240 litres per transport unit. Dangerous goods in IBCs,

large packagings or tanks are not considered to be packaged for retail sale;

- (b) The carriage of machinery or equipment not specified in this Annex and which happen to contain dangerous goods in their internal or operational equipment, provided that measures have been taken to prevent any leakage of contents in normal conditions of carriage;
- (c) The carriage undertaken by enterprises which is ancillary to their main activity, such as deliveries to or returns from building or civil engineering sites, or in relation to surveying, repairs and maintenance, in quantities of not more than 450 litres per packaging and within the maximum quantities specified in 1.1.3.6. Measures shall be taken to prevent any leakage of contents in normal conditions of carriage. **These exemptions do not apply to Class 7.**

Carriage undertaken by such enterprises for their supply or external or internal distribution does not fall within the scope of this exemption;

- (d) The carriage undertaken by the competent authorities for the emergency response or under their supervision, insofar as such carriage is necessary in relation to the emergency response, in particular carriage undertaken:
 - by breakdown vehicles carrying vehicles which have been involved in accidents or have broken down and contain dangerous goods; or
 - to contain and recover the dangerous goods involved in an incident or accident and move them to the nearest appropriate safe place;
- (e) Emergency transport intended to save human lives or protect the environment provided that all measures are taken to ensure that such transport is carried out in complete safety;
- (f) The carriage of uncleaned empty static storage vessels which have contained gases of Class 2, groups A, O or F, substances of Class 3 or Class 9 belonging to packing group II or III or pesticides of Class 6.1 belonging to packing group II or III, subject to the following conditions:
 - All openings with the exception of pressure relief devices (when fitted) are hermetically closed;
 - Measures have been taken to prevent any leakage of contents in normal conditions of carriage; and
 - The load is fixed in cradles or crates or other handling devices or to the vehicle or container in such a way that they will not become loose or shift during normal conditions of carriage.

This exemption does not apply to static storage vessels which have contained desensitized explosives or substances the carriage of which is prohibited by ADR.

NOTE: For radioactive material, see 1.7.1.4
