Summary

Executive summary: The adopted proposal (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2019/4) to 5.4.1.1.1 (k) submitted by the Government of Switzerland at the 106th session contains the inclusion of the mention “(─)” in the transport document in order to facilitate passage of the dangerous goods concerned through tunnels subject to restrictions. But it should also be considered that for transports under special arrangement (UN 2919 and 3331) a tunnel restriction code could apply.

Action to be taken: Amend the text of 5.4.1.1.1 (k).

Introduction

1. Referring to the proposal to amend 5.4.1.1.1 (k) (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2019/4) submitted by the Government of Switzerland, which was adopted at the 106th session, it was proposed that the mention “(─)” which is assigned to UN Nos. 3077, 1043, 2814, 2900, 2919, 3077, 3082, 3166, 3171, 3291, 3331, 3359, should be indicated to have information in the transport document to allow the inspection authorities and carriers to decide whether a load bearing an orange-coloured plate marking is permitted to enter a tunnel subject to restrictions.

2. Regarding UN Nos. 2919 and 3331 restrictions for the passage through tunnels could be determined in the context of the special arrangement (see 1.7.4 and 1.9.5.3.6).
regulated entry of the mention “(—)” would be incorrect and could also contradict the restrictions in the special arrangement in this case.

3. To avoid discrepancies in the provisions, we propose amending 5.4.1.1.1 (k) as follows:

Proposal

4. Amend 5.4.1.1.1 (k) as follows (added text in bold and underlined):

“5.4.1.1.1 (k) for carriage that includes passage through tunnels with restrictions for carriage of dangerous goods, the tunnel restriction code given in Column (15) of Table A of Chapter 3.2, in capitals within parenthesis, or the mention ‘(—)’ or for dangerous goods assigned to UN Nos. 2919 and 3331 the tunnel restriction code in capitals and within parenthesis or the mention ‘(—)’ as determined in the special arrangement approved by the competent authority(ies) on the basis of 1.7.4.2. The tunnel restriction code or the mention ‘(—)’ need not be added in the transport document where the carriage is known beforehand not to pass through a tunnel with restrictions for carriage of dangerous goods.”