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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

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Item 11 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the report

Draft outcome of the first part of the Joint meeting

Addendum

VII. Proposal for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN (agenda item 5) (cont'd)

B. New proposals (cont'd)

4. Carriage of equipment using lithium cells or batteries

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/23 (Switzerland)

21. Most delegates who took the floor felt that there was no need to introduce a new special provision in Chapter 3.3. However, the proposal received support by some delegations who agreed that the ADR provisions needed to be clarified. The representative of Switzerland volunteered to submit an updated proposal to the next Joint Meeting in March 2021 taking into account the comments received.

5. Carriage of packagings for the purpose of their disposal or recycling

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/25 (Switzerland)

22. The Joint Meeting was of the opinion that such exemption to special provision 663 was not necessary, as the special packing provisions RR9, BB3 and LL1 allocated to UN No. 3509 already include the provision that packagings, IBC and large packagings containing UN 3509 are not required to meet the requirements of 4.1.1.3. The representative of Switzerland offered to review his proposal and to prepare an updated proposal, if necessary.

6. Proposal of amendment to 4.3.3.3.2 of RID/ADR

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/28 (Poland)

23. Some delegations recalled discussions at previous sessions on the types of asphalt not covered by UN 3257. Some delegations were concerned that the new proposed wording could restrict the scope of the exemption in special provision 643. The representative of Poland announced his intention to revise his proposal for consideration by the Joint Meeting at a further session.

VI. Interpretation of RID/ADR/ADN (agenda item 4)

A. Waste batteries / used storage batteries, carriage in bulk (AP8)

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/2 (Finland)

24. The Joint Meeting welcomed the questions raised in the document and agreed to refer them to the working group on the transport of hazardous waste for further consideration.

B. Request for interpretation of provision 3.4.7.1

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/27 (Poland)

25. Most delegates who took the floor believed that emphasis should be put on the wording "contrasting" in provision 3.4.7.1. It was recalled that the provision was basically drafted to allow the use of one single print colour for the marking. It was noted that any amendment to this provision shall be submitted to the Sub-Committee on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

C. Carriage of empty uncleaned tanks

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/38 (Spain)

26. The Joint Meeting agreed on the need for clarification of the question raised the document. Some delegates expressed their preference for option 7 (c). The representative of Spain invited all delegations to send her their feedback and volunteered to prepare an updated document for the next session of the Joint Meeting.

D. Placarding of removable skips

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/54 (France)

27. Most delegates who took the floor were of the opinion that the placarding of removable skips should be similar to that of containers in accordance with 5.3.1.2. Although there was no consensus on this, it was noted that this was the usual practice in some countries. The Joint Meeting felt that the provisions should be clarified and invited France/FEAD to prepare a proposal for the next session.
