Harmonization of special provision 643 in transport regulations

Transmitted by the Government of Poland*

Introduction

1. Special provision 643:

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2. Mastic asphalt and aggregate asphalt mixture are two different goods.

3. Mastic asphalt is a mixture of asphalt (binder) and mineral meal with sand and fine aggregate. It requires no thickening. It is carried in liquid state, in kettles or tanks, with a in temperature of up to 230 °C.

4. Coarse aggregate asphalt mixture – asphalt concrete where asphalt acts as an aggregate binder. Requires thickening after laying. Transported with dumpers with a temperature of approximately 160 °C. The mixture can hardly be regarded a liquid, therefore, by definition, it is not a Class 9 material – its temperature during carriage is below 240 °C.

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Proposal

5. The English version of RID/ADR should read as follows: “Mastic asphalt is not subject to the requirements for Class 9.”.