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Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN: new proposals

Harmonization of special provision 643 in transport regulations

Transmitted by the Government of Poland*,**

Introduction

1. Special provision 643:

Language	ADR	RID
English	Stone or aggregate asphalt mixture is not subject to the requirements for Class 9	Stone or aggregate asphalt mixture is not subject to the requirements for Class 9
French	L'asphalte coulé n'est pas soumis aux prescriptions applicables de la classe 9	L'asphalte coulé n'est pas soumis aux prescriptions applicables de la classe 9
German	Gussasphalt unterliegt nicht den für die Klasse 9 geltenden Vorschriften	Gussasphalt unterliegt nicht den für die Klasse 9 geltenden Vorschriften

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.**”
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