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Standards

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Standards: RID/ADR/ADN 1.1.5 - inclusion of a note to ensure consistent interpretation

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Summary

Executive summary: This paper proposes the addition of a note to RID/ADR 1.1.5 to help ensure consistent interpretation.

Action to be taken: Include a note in RID/ADR/ADN 1.1.5.

Introduction

1. Following discussions within the Working Group on Tanks at the September 2020 session of the Joint Meeting the United Kingdom reflected on the requirements in RID/ADR/ADN 1.1.5. At the meeting, it was noted that other contracting states / parties appeared to have a slightly different interpretation of these requirements compared to the United Kingdom, which we believe to be due to slightly different interpretations of the various language versions.

2. The difference in interpretation we believe concerns the use of the word 'conflict' which is used in the English language version of RID/ADR/ADN 1.1.5. In our opinion, RID/ADR 1.1.5 would better reflect the intention if the word "conflict" were to be replaced by the word "contradict". This would, in our view, make it clear that referenced standards can apply additional requirements over and above those in RID/ADR/ADN.

3. A discussion on replacing the word "conflict" with "contradict" took place at the second inter-sessional meeting of members of the "London" group on 18 December 2020. Many delegates were content with the term "conflict" as this translated well, but a consensus emerged that it would be helpful to add a note indicating that a standard could include requirements that enhance or supplement those set out in RID/ADR/ADN.

Proposal

4. We therefore propose inserting the following note in RID/ADR/ADN 1.1.5:

Note: A standard provides details on how to meet the provisions of RID/ADR/ADN and may include requirements in addition to those set out in RID/ADR/ADN.