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### Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

#### Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

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Item 5 (a) of the provisional agenda:

#### Pending issues

## Orange coloured plate marking of wagons and vehicles carrying tanks or containers with a low capacity

Transmitted by the Government of Switzerland\*, \*\*, \*\*\*

### Introduction

1. At its autumn 2020 session, the Joint Meeting adopted an amendment to the note to paragraph 5.3.2.1.5 (see annex II to the report ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/158). The note, as amended, reads as follows:

*“NOTE: This paragraph need not be applied to wagons/vehicles carrying bulk containers, tanks and MEGCs with a maximum capacity of 3 000 litres.”*

2. The decision to extend this exemption from marking to all types of wagons and motor vehicles was based on the fact that carriage in tanks or containers with a low capacity could be treated as carriage of dangerous goods in packages.

3. At the suggestion of Switzerland, bulk containers were included in the note (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/64). According to section 1.2.1 of RID/ADR/ADN, the definition of “bulk container” applies only to containers meeting the requirements of Chapter 6.11 (BK codes). The note therefore omits containers used for bulk transport in accordance with 7.3.1.1 (b) (VC codes), which was not the intention of Switzerland. Switzerland proposes to rectify this omission by using the general term “containers for carriage in bulk” in the note.

4. Switzerland has also identified several paragraphs in the French version of RID/ADR/ADN that use the term “conteneurs pour vrac” (bulk containers) where the general

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\* A/75/6 (Sect.20), para 20.51.

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term “conteneurs pour le transport en vrac” (containers for carriage in bulk) should be used. Proposals for corrections will be submitted in an informal document.

## Proposal

5.3.2.1.5 Amend the note to read as follows (amendment in relation to annex II of the report contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/158, in bold and underlined):

*“NOTE: This paragraph need not be applied to wagons/vehicles carrying ~~bulk~~ containers **for carriage in bulk**, tanks and MEGCs with a maximum capacity of 3 000 litres.”*

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