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Tanks

Clarification of application of 6.8.2.2 to 6.8.3.2

Transmitted by the Government of the Netherlands*, **

Introduction

1. In column 3 of the table in ADR 6.8.2.6.1 for standard EN 12252 only reference is made to 6.8.3.2 on items of equipment. Reading into 6.8.3.2 it only may be concluded that 6.8.2.2 is not applicable, which is not the case. It is proposed to clarify this in 6.8.3 and column 3 of the table in 6.8.2.6.1.

Proposal 1

2. In 6.8.3 introduce a note after the heading to read (new text is underlined):

“NOTE: The special requirements of section 6.8.3 supplement or modify the requirements of section 6.8.2.”

Proposal 2

3. In ADR 6.8.2.6.1 amend in column 3 of the table the references to (new text is bold and underlined):

- EN 12252:2000 to read “**6.8.2.2 and** 6.8.3.2 (with the exception of 6.8.3.2.3)”
- EN 12252:2005+A12008) to read “**6.8.2.2,** 6.8.3.2 (with the exception of 6.8.3.2.3) and 6.8.3.4.9”
- EN 12252:2014 to read “**6.8.2.2,** 6.8.3.2 and 6.8.3.4.9”

* A/77/6 (Sect.20), para. 20.76.

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Justification

4. Although an explanation is given in the last sentence of 6.8.1.3 it is not clear when following the reference in the table of 6.8.2.6.1. It is felt that adding this note proposed above helps the understanding of Chapter 6.8.

5. The aim of this document is to clarify the application of 6.8.2.2 to 6.8.3.2 of RID/ADR. Ensuring a more systematic approach and a better rationale in RID/ADR helps to develop clearer legal texts and avoid different criteria among different Contracting States/Parties and inspection services, and thus helps to implement the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal number 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions.
