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Proposals for amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN:
Other proposals

Proposals for an amendment to 7.1.5.0.2 of the Regulations annexed to ADN

Transmitted by the Government of France* **

Summary

Executive summary: This document contains a proposed amendment to the French and English versions of section 7.1.5.0.2 of the Regulations annexed to ADN

Action to be taken: See paragraph 7

Reference documents: Informal document INF.8 of the forty-second session, Report of the forty-second session (para. 63)

Introduction

1. The existing text of 7.1.5.0.2 of the Regulations annexed to ADN reads as follows:

"7.1.5.0.2 Vessels carrying the dangerous goods listed in Table A of Chapter 3.2 in packages placed exclusively in containers shall display the number of blue cones or blue lights indicated in column (12) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 where:

– three blue cones or three blue lights are required; or"

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** A/78/6 (Sect. 20), table 20.5.
two blue cones or two blue lights are required, a substance of Class 2 is involved or packing group I is indicated in column (4) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 and the total gross mass of these dangerous goods exceeds 30 000 kg, or

one blue cone or one blue light is required, a substance of Class 2 is involved or packing group I is indicated in column (4) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 and the total gross mass of these dangerous goods exceeds 130 000 kg.

2. In informal document INF.8, submitted to the forty-second session of the ADN Safety Committee, France pointed out an apparent inconsistency between the second and third indents.

3. Thanks to the insights provided by other delegations, it became clear that there was no inconsistency in the text of these two indents, but that their wording could lead to confusion and could therefore be clarified.

4. Consequently, the Committee invited France (paragraph 63 of the report of the forty-second session) to propose an amendment to 7.1.5.0.2 in order to avoid any risk of misinterpretation of these provisions.

Proposals

5. The proposed new text of 7.1.5.0.2 is shown below (deleted text is struck through, added text is in bold):

“7.1.5.0.2 Vessels carrying the dangerous goods listed in Table A of Chapter 3.2 in packages placed exclusively in containers shall display the number of blue cones or blue lights indicated in column (12) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 where:

– three blue cones or three blue lights are required, or

– two blue cones or two blue lights are required, a substance of Class 2 is involved or packing group I is indicated in column (4) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 and the total gross mass of these dangerous goods exceeds 30,000 kg, however, in the case of substances of Class 2 or packing group I, as indicated in column (4) of Table A of Chapter 3.2, and where the total gross mass of these substances does not exceed 30 000 kg, no blue cone or blue light is required; or

– one blue cone or one blue light is required, a substance of Class 2 is involved or packing group I is indicated in column (4) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 and the total gross mass of these dangerous goods exceeds 130,000 kg, however, in the case of substances of Class 2 or packing group I, as indicated in column (4) of Table A of Chapter 3.2, and where the total gross mass of these substances does not exceed 130 000 kg, no blue cone or blue light is required.”

6. Subject to their relevance and acceptance, the text of this amendment in the Russian and German versions of the Regulations annexed to ADN could be prepared by the secretariat or by the Russian- and German-speaking delegations.

Follow-up

7. The ADN Safety Committee is requested to consider the proposals in paragraphs 5 and 6, above, and to take action as it deems appropriate.