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Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B of ADR:

Miscellaneous proposals

Chapter 5.4

Transmitted by the Government of Sweden

I. Introduction

1. Sweden believes that the text adopted by the Joint meeting in informal document INF.5/Rev.1 could cause practical problems in the application of this provision. The proposed text also means that different requirements would apply for paper documentation and electronic documentation. We understand why the text is only proposed for electronic documentation, but believe it would be unfortunate if the requirements would not be harmonized.

II. Proposals

Option 1

2. Amend the text proposed for sub-section 5.4.0.2 in INF.5 /Rev.1 as follows:

“The information prescribed in this chapter related to the dangerous goods carried shall be available during carriage in such a way that the goods per transport unit ~~vehicle and the vehicle~~ can be identified in the documentation.”

Option 2

3. In order to clarify that the same requirements apply for paper documents as for electronic documents, add the sentence proposed above at the end of sub-section 5.4.0.1, and leave the text in sub-section 5.4.0.2 unchanged (ADR 2023).

4. The text would then read:

5.4.0 General

5.4.0.1 Unless otherwise specified, any carriage of goods governed by ADR shall be accompanied by the documentation prescribed in this Chapter, as appropriate. The information prescribed in this chapter related to the dangerous goods carried shall be available during carriage in such a way that the goods per transport unit can be identified in the documentation.

NOTE: For the list of documentation to be carried on board transport units, see 8.1.2.

5.4.0.2 The use of electronic data processing (EDP) or electronic data interchange (EDI) techniques as an aid to or instead of paper documentation is permitted, provided that the procedures used for the capture, storage and processing of electronics data meet the legal requirements as regards the evidential value and availability of data during transport in a manner at least equivalent to that of paper documentation.