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RESTRUCTURING OF ADR AND RID

Part 5 - Consignment procedures

Chapter 5.5: Special requirements

Note by the secretariat */

The secretariat has prepared draft provisions for Chapter 5.5 of the draft restructured RID/ADR on the basis of the 1999 11th revised edition of the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. The Joint Meeting may wish to consider whether such provisions should be included in the restructured RID/ADR.

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5.5 Special requirements

5.5.1 Special requirements for the consignment of infectious substances

5.5.1.1 Unless an infectious substance cannot be consigned by any other means, live vertebrate or invertebrate animals shall not be used to consign such a substance. Infected animals shall be consigned in accordance with conditions specified by the competent authority.

5.5.1.2 The transport of infectious substances requires co-ordinated action by the consignor, the carrier and the consignee to ensure safety and arrival on time and in proper condition. To this end, the following measures shall be taken.

- (a) *Advance arrangements between consignor, carrier and consignee.* Dispatch of infectious substances shall not take place before advance arrangements have been made between consignor, carrier and consignee or before the consignee has confirmed with his competent authorities that the substances can legally be imported and that no delay will be incurred in the delivery of the consignment to its destination;
- (b) *Preparation of dispatch documents.* In order to secure transmission without hindrance it is necessary to prepare all dispatch documents, including the consignment note/transport document (see Chapter 5.4), in strict accordance with rules governing the acceptance of the goods to be dispatched;
- (c) *Routeing.* Whatever the mode used, transport shall be by the quickest possible routeing. If transshipment is necessary, precautions shall be taken to ensure special care, expeditious handling and monitoring of the substances in transit;
- (d) *Timely notification of all transport data by consignor to consignee.* The consignor shall notify the consignee in advance of transport details, such as: means of transport, flight or train number(s), consignment note/transport document number and date and hour of expected arrival at the point of destination, so that the consignment can be collected promptly. The most rapid means of communication shall be used for this notification.

5.5.2 Special requirements for fumigated containers and transport units

5.5.2.1 Consignment notes/transport documents associated with the carriage of wagons/transport units that have been fumigated shall show the date of fumigation and the type and amount of the fumigant used. In addition, instructions for disposal of any residual fumigant including fumigation devices (if used) shall be provided.

5.5.2.2 A warning sign as specified in Figure 5.5 shall be placed on each fumigated wagon/transport unit in a location where it will be easily seen by persons attempting to enter the interior of the unit.

Figure 5.5: Fumigation warning sign

