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**DUTY OF CONSIGNEE: RETURN OF CONTAINER/LARGE CONTAINER
OR WAGON IF DEFECTIVE**

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Introduction

Section 1.4 of the restructured RID/ADR introduces wholly new safety obligations on the participants. The UK believes that one duty on the consignee is almost impossible to comply with and suggests it is deleted.

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Justification

1.4.2.3.3 states that if a consignee discovers an infringement of the requirements of RID/ADR relating to a container/large container or wagon the consignee shall not return the container/large container or wagon to the carrier until the infringement has been remedied. In many cases this will be impracticable because:

- the consignee may not have sufficient space to store the container/large container or wagon
- it is not clear how the infringement is to be rectified. The consignee may not have the equipment or knowledge to rectify the infringement and the carrier may not be able to rectify the infringement at the premises of the consignee.

Proposal

Delete 1.4.2.3.3. This can be justified as this is text which has never come into effect and so there is no reduction in safety, but imposes duties which are extremely difficult to comply with and are not in accordance with present practice.
