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EMPTY UNCLEANED TANKS

Proposal transmitted by the Central Office for International Carriage by Rail (OCTI)*

The secretariat has received from the Central Office for International Carriage by Rail (OCTI) the proposal reproduced below.

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Introduction

The special provisions concerning particulars in the consignment note/transport document during the carriage of empty uncleaned means of containment, can be found in paragraph 5.4.1.1.6 of the restructured RID/ADR.

For empty uncleaned tanks, and for empty uncleaned wagons/vehicles and containers for carriage in bulk, the description of the empty uncleaned means of containment, for example, "EMPTY CONTAINER", in the consignment note/transport document must be followed by the words "LAST LOAD" and the hazard identification number, the United Nations number and the proper shipping name of the goods last loaded. The example given is UN No. 1017, chlorine, a gas of Class 2. There are no packing groups for gases of Class 2.

In the present version of RID/ADR, the requirements for empty uncleaned means of containment, are included separately in each class.

With the exception of Classes 1, 2 and 7, the packing group for the last load is required in addition to the item number from the list of substances.

According to paragraph 5.4.1.1.6, the packing group no longer requires to be included in the consignment note/transport document, although it is an important piece of information in the event of an accident.

It may be wondered whether this is deliberate or whether this amendment is a matter of chance owing to the choice of example in the new requirements.

Proposal

1. It is suggested, for reasons of user-friendliness and completeness of information, that the other information components in the description of the substance should be kept for empty uncleaned means of containment; these are the hazard identification number (RID only), the UN number, the proper shipping name and the packing group.

The second subparagraph of paragraph 5.4.1.1.6 should read at the end (amendments in bold):

"... this description shall be followed by the words 'last load' together with the hazard indication number (RID only), the UN number and proper shipping name **and, as appropriate, the packing group** of the goods last loaded. See example as follows: 'EMPTY TANK-WAGON, 3, RID, LAST LOAD: 33 **1203 MOTOR SPIRIT, II** (RID)/EMPTY TANK-VEHICLE, 3, ADR, LAST LOAD: **1203 MOTOR SPIRIT, II** (ADR)'."

2. Since empty means of containment are no longer considered as goods of the classes in question in the restructured RID/ADR, the first subparagraph of paragraph 5.4.1.1.6 should also be adapted as follows:

After “the class number” add “of the last load”.

If the Joint Meeting were to approve these two suggestions, the amended text could still be included in a corrigendum to the 1 July 2001 edition, at least where RID is concerned.
