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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Security

Transmitted by the Government of the United Kingdom

Introduction

The United Kingdom proposes that the new paragraph 1.10.4 adopted at the January 2004 meeting of WP.15 be deleted to maintain harmony with RID and ensure a consistent approach for road and rail in relation to the exemption thresholds for security provisions as agreed at the Joint Meetings held in September and October 2003.

Proposal

Delete the text of the new paragraph 1.10.4, provisionally adopted for the 2005 edition of ADR, and enter (Reserved) against it, to maintain the paragraph numbering system.

Background and justification

At its sessions in September and October 2003, the Joint Meeting decided that the new security provisions in 1.10.1, 1.10.2 and 1.10.3 did not apply when the quantities of dangerous goods carried in packages in each transport unit/wagon or large container, were not greater than those referred to in 1.1.3.6.

Originally the text proposed for ADR for this exemption was the same as for RID in a new 1.10.4 as follows:

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"1.10.4 The provisions of 1.10.1, 1.10.2 and 1.10.3 do not apply when the quantities in each wagon or large container (RID)/transport unit (ADR) are not greater than those referred to in 1.1.3.6".

The usual way of dealing with exemptions linked to the quantities referred to in 1.1.3.6 in ADR, is by including the relevant provision in an indent in 1.1.3.6.2.

So, for ADR, it was subsequently decided for consistency to use this same approach in relation to security, i.e. reference to chapter 1.10 was added to 1.1.3.6.2. This also confirmed the Joint Meeting's intention that the exemption for RID and ADR was applicable only to dangerous goods in packages and not to carriage in tanks or in bulk.

At the RID Committee of Experts meeting in November 2003, there was no proposal to amend this or discussion of the nature of the exemptions in relation to the new security provisions. The Committee of Experts adopted the text of 1.10.4 as agreed by the Joint Meeting as reproduced above.

To remove any possible ambiguity in RID, the United Kingdom is putting forward a proposal to the next RID Committee of Experts meeting in November 2004.

As well as the new security provisions (1.10.4), reference is made to the exemption thresholds in 1.1.3.6/1.1.3.6.3 in the context of the appointment of a safety adviser (1.8.3.2(a) in ADR and 1.8.3.2(b) in RID) and exemption related to the nature of the transport operation (1.1.3.1(c)), where as in ADR, the quantities relate to dangerous goods in packages.

To make the RID text clearer, the proposal is that reference is made in the title to 1.1.3.6 and the text of 1.1.3.6.3 and 1.1.3.6.4 to "dangerous goods in packages".