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Subject: Amendment to Chapter 7.7 – Carriage of hand luggage and luggage

Proposal transmitted by the International Rail Transport Committee (CIT)

Summary

COTIF 1999 will certainly enter into force in 2006. Chapter 7.7 therefore needs to be aligned.

At the same time, the wording of the leaflet for passengers (2nd reading at the 40th session of the RID Committee of Experts) in alternative 1 (see point 3.1) will be adapted in accordance with the wishes of the RID Committee of Experts. Experience in Germany shows that the leaflet must be worded clearly. Suitably clear wording is proposed in alternative 2 (see point 3.2).

1. Introduction

Based on Article 12 § 3 of CIV and the provisions of 1.1.3.1 (a), the following requirement was included in the ABB-CIV:

“Dangerous goods may only be carried as hand luggage in accordance with the provisions of the Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID – Appendix C to COTIF). Passengers may only carry substances and articles that are packaged for retail sale and that are intended for their personal or domestic use or for their leisure and sporting activities.

Weapons and ammunition shall not be carried as hand luggage, except where permitted by the special carriage and tariff conditions and where the latter lay down the conditions of carriage.”
There should be no derogation from these principles.

Based on developments since the revision of Appendix C (RID), it is not necessary to include in Chapter 7.7 a list of the individual types of substances and articles that are excluded or permitted. On the one hand, the text of RID Chapter 7.7 had not yet been drafted in 1999 and on the other, RID 1.1.3 did not yet exist before the entry into force of the revised RID and lastly, the (CIT’s) ABB-CIV did not yet exist either. The proposed text is set out in point 2.

The leaflet (as an Annex to the ABB-CIV; see point 3) takes into account the corrections and additions adopted by the RID Committee of Experts.

2. Proposed text for RID Chapter 7.7

2.1 New wording (replace the current text):

"7.7 Hand luggage and luggage

In accordance with Article 12 § 4 of the Uniform Rules concerning the Contract of International Carriage of Passengers by Rail (CIV) and Article 5 of Appendix C (RID) to COTIF, dangerous goods are only permitted as hand luggage, registered luggage as well as in or on board motor vehicles (car on train) in accordance with the requirements of RID.

These requirements are contained [in particular] in 1.1.3.1 (a) (carriage by private individuals), 1.1.3.2 (d) and (f) (e.g. fire extinguishers and replacement vehicle tyres), 1.1.3.3 (fuel contained in fuel tanks), 1.1.3.4 (special provisions and dangerous goods packed in limited quantities) and 2.2.7.1.2 (radioactive material).

Dangerous substances and articles other than those permitted in these requirements may not be carried as hand luggage or luggage or in or on board motor vehicles.

The General Conditions of Carriage concerning the CIV Uniform Rules may also exclude other articles."

2.2 Proposal for ADR

It needs to be checked for ADR whether a similar text should be included for road transport (private vehicles and coaches) and which State would be ready to submit such a proposal.

3. Leaflet for the carriage of dangerous goods as hand luggage and luggage as well as in and on board motor vehicles (Annex to the ABB-CIV)

3.1 Alternative 1 – Revised leaflet for the carriage of dangerous goods as hand luggage and luggage as well as in and on board motor vehicles (Annex to the ABB-CIV)

Basis:

CIT proposal (OCTI/RID/CE/39/12d)/Rev.1), see paragraphs 119 and 120 of the final report of the 40th session of the RID Committee of Experts (Sinaia, 17 – 21 November 2003) (document A 81-03/501.2004). Amendments in accordance with the decisions of the RID Committee of Experts.

Note: A CIT manual will not be produced for luggage and vehicles. The ABB-CIV will also refer to the carriage of vehicles (see point 1). For this reason, the title of the leaflet needs to be changed and the last two paragraphs must be included in this (single) leaflet.
“Carriage of dangerous goods as hand luggage or luggage or in and on board motor vehicles

For safety reasons, certain goods may not be carried as luggage or taken with you as hand luggage. In particular, this concerns all substances and articles classified as dangerous under the Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID).

In principle, chemicals, gases and paints, as well as matches, lighters, fireworks, etc. and radioactive material and articles may not be carried as hand luggage or luggage, unless they are packaged for retail sale and are intended for their personal or domestic use or for leisure or sporting activities.

Radioactive material

– implanted or incorporated into a person or live animal for diagnosis or treatment,
– in consumer products which have received regulatory approval, following their sale to the end user,
– that occurs naturally and contains radionuclides which are either in their natural state or from which the radionuclides have been extracted,

are permitted.

Therapeutic equipment for the journey is permitted.

Gases contained in the fuel tanks of vehicles transported (cars on trains) and gases contained in their equipment as well as liquid fuel contained in the fuel tanks or means of transport are permitted.

For further information, see under http://www.otif.org/html/e/pub_rid.php.”

3.2 Alternative 2 – Clearer and more customer-friendly wording for a leaflet

Taking leaflets for air transport as an example, clearer and more easily comprehensible wording could be used in the leaflet, as follows:

"Carriage of dangerous goods as hand luggage or luggage or in and on board motor vehicles (cars on trains)

Substances and articles of the Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID), particularly explosives and flammable substances and articles, oxidizing, toxic, infectious, radioactive and corrosive substances may not be carried as hand luggage or luggage.

Dangerous goods and equipment intended for personal use, containing dangerous goods in their internal or operational equipment, and whose packaging or composition preclude the dangerous contents from leaking, e.g. matches, lighters, spray cans, electronic recording and playing devices, mobile telephones and portable computers, gases and liquid fuel contained in the fuel tanks of means of transport, are excepted.

Radioactive material

– implanted or incorporated into a person or live animal for diagnosis or treatment,
– in consumer products which have received regulatory approval, following their sale to the end user,
– that occurs naturally and contains radionuclides which are either in their natural state or from which the radionuclides have been extracted,"
are permitted.

Therapeutic equipment for the journey is permitted."

4. Responsibility for the leaflet for hand luggage and luggage to be given to passengers

The railway organisations CIT and UIC are responsible for the leaflet. They will bring any amendments to the attention of OTIF's RID Committee of Experts.