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Subject: Definition of rolling road

Proposal transmitted by Belgium

Introduction

In 5.3.1.3.2, the term "rolling road" is used, followed in brackets by an explanation of what it means.

As definitions are usually placed in Chapter 1.2, we propose to delete the explanation given in 5.3.1.3.2 and to include a definition of the rolling road in Chapter 1.2.

On the UN/ECE website, there is a handbook edited in 2001 by the EU, UN/ECE and ECMT (European Conference of the Ministers of Transport) setting out the terminology used in combined transport. In this handbook, the term "rolling road" is used. We therefore propose to include the term "rolling road" in RID and the definition given in the manual, i.e.:

"Rolling road: Transport of complete road vehicles, using roll-on roll-off techniques, on trains comprising low-floor wagons throughout."

However, it seems to us that this definition is incomplete. One of the characteristics of this type of transport is that the driver of the vehicle accompanies the consignment, and it is for this reason that this type of transport is dealt with separately in 5.3.1.3.2. We therefore propose that the presence of the driver be mentioned in the definition.
Proposal

1. Add a definition to Chapter 1.2:

"Rolling road: Transport of complete road vehicles, using roll-on roll-off techniques, on trains comprising low-floor wagons throughout. The driver of the road vehicle accompanies this type of transport."

2. Amend 5.3.1.3.2 (a) as follows:

"5.3.1.3.2 Carrying wagons used in piggyback transport shall bear the placards on both sides.

The placarding of carrying wagons used in piggyback transport is not necessary

(a) where use is made of the “rolling road” system (loading of lorries with or without trailer and of semi-trailers with tractor on wagons used for this system of transport)."