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Subject: Packing instruction P 621

Proposal transmitted by Sweden

Introduction

1. For UN 3291, Clinical waste, unspecified, n.o.s., in Class 6.2, packing instruction P 621 applies. In RID, two additional requirements are inserted in this packing instruction after the initial text. The first of the two additional requirements exists for all modes of transport. However, the second additional requirement is not included in the UN Model Regulations, the ADR or in the IMDG Code. Thus, the text in P 621 in RID is not harmonized with the text applicable to other modes of transport.
2. During discussions about intermodal harmonization based on document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2008/65 at a previous UN Sub-Committee meeting, it was pointed out that packing provisions in Part 4 (and other provisions) should be more or less identical in the different modal regulations. In this specific case, Sweden cannot see any reasons why RID should have additional requirements for this substance that differ from the requirements in the rest of the modal regulations. Therefore, we propose to remove the second additional requirement in P 621.

Proposal

3. To harmonize the requirements in packing instruction P 621 in RID with the requirements in the UN Model Regulations, ADR and IMDG Code, Sweden proposes to amend P 621 to read as follows:

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This instruction applies to UN No. 3291.

The following packagings are authorized provided the general provisions of 4.1.1 and 4.1.3 are met:

- (1) Rigid, leakproof packagings meeting the requirements of Chapter 6.1 for solids, at the packing group II performance level, provided there is sufficient absorbent material to absorb the entire amount of liquid present and the packaging is capable of retaining liquids;
- (2) For packages containing larger quantities of liquid, rigid packagings meeting the requirements of Chapter 6.1 at the packing group II performance level for liquids.

Additional requirement

Packagings intended to contain sharp objects such as broken glass and needles shall be resistant to puncture and retain liquids under the performance test conditions in Chapter 6.1.
