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Outline of the problem

1. Section 3.4.1 adopted for the 2011 edition of RID/ADR/ADN stipulates that Chapter 1.4 applies to the carriage of dangerous goods packed in limited quantities.
2. 1.4.3.6 (b) requires that the railway infrastructure manager must have rapid and unrestricted access to the following information at any time during carriage:
 - composition of the train,
 - UN numbers of the dangerous goods being carried,
 - position of these wagons in the train,
 - mass of the load.
3. 1.4.2.2.5 requires that the carrier must ensure that the manager of the railway infrastructure being used is able to obtain at any time during carriage rapid and unrestricted access to the information listed in paragraph 2 above.
4. In practice, it is the carrier who provides the railway infrastructure manager with this information. However, in most cases, the carrier does not know the UN Nos. of any dangerous goods that might be carried in limited quantities in accordance with Chapter 3.4. This is why it would not be possible for him to provide the railway infrastructure manager with this information.

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5. However, it would seem reasonable to require that the railway infrastructure manager should have the following information:
 - presence of dangerous goods packed in limited quantities.

For his part, the carrier is informed of this type of transport either by the consignor or by the marking (see 3.4.12 (RID/ADR/ADN 2011)).

Proposal

6. Amend the second indent of 1.4.3.6 (b) to read as follows (new text is shown in bold):
 - “– UN numbers of the dangerous goods being carried **or, if dangerous goods packed in limited quantities in accordance with Chapter 3.4 are being carried, information indicating the presence of dangerous goods packed in limited quantities,**”.
