RID: 47th Session of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
(Sofia, 16 - 20 November 2009)

Subject: Texts adopted by WP.15 at its 87th session (Geneva, 2 to 6 November 2009)

Note by the Secretariat

Extracts from the draft report of the 87th session of WP.15 (Geneva, 2 to 6 November 2009)

V. Work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (Agenda item 4)

Documents:
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/114/Add.1 (Amendments adopted by the Joint Meeting at its March 2009 session)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2009/16/Add.1
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/116/Add.1 (Amendments adopted by the Joint Meeting at its September 2009 session)

Informal document: INF.11 (Secretariat)

A. General

12. The Working Party approved the amendments adopted by the Joint Meeting, with some changes (see annex I).
B. Specific issues

1. Obligations of the unloader

13. The Working Party confirmed that the bracketed text in 1.4.3.7.1 (b) was necessary in addition to the provisions relating to unloading in 7.5.1.3, as 7.5.1.3 did not apply to the handling of packagings. This text was therefore adopted with editorial changes.

13bis. The Working Party took note of the proposal by the secretariat to align the different language versions of ADR in respect of the use of the terms “verify” or “ascertain” in 1.4.2.2.1 (a).

13ter. Several delegations pointed out that such terms were perhaps not used appropriately in other paragraphs of Chapter 1.4, and that the Chapter could benefit from a full editorial review in the future.

2. Conformity assessment procedures for gas cartridges

14. Noting that the reference proposed in brackets in 1.8.8.2.1 was not in keeping with the technical documentation cited, the Working Party decided not to keep this reference.

15. The Working Party invited the Joint Meeting to take up this item at a future session in order to define precisely what kind of technical documentation was required for each type of gas cartridge.

3. Limited quantities

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17. The note under 3.4.12 corresponded to a text adopted by the Working Party at its eighty-fifth session in connection with 3.4.13 of the ADR in force. However, as the provisions of the present 3.4.13 would not remain in Chapter 3.4 as applicable as from 1 January 2011, the note was deleted.

4. Tunnel restriction codes

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5. Transitional measures

Informal documents: INF.5 (Belgium) (corresponds to INF.3 of the 47th session of the RID Committee of Experts)
INF.13 (Sweden) (corresponds to INF.16 of the 47th session of the RID Committee of Experts)

22. The proposal by Belgium to bring transitional measure 1.6.2.5 into line with new transitional measures 1.6.3.38 and 1.6.4.39 was adopted (see annex I).

23. The proposal by Sweden to modify the time limit for the construction of tanks to which transitional measures 1.6.3.39 and 1.6.4.40 apply and to correct the reference to the relevant paragraph under 6.8.2.2.3 was adopted.

24. However, the Working Party did not wish to review the decision taken by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting concerning the duration of these transitional measures, without the matter being discussed beforehand by the Joint Meeting.

25. Likewise, the introduction of new transitional measures concerning venting systems in order to comply with the second paragraph of 6.8.2.2.3 required prior discussion by the Joint Meeting.
6. Tank codes for toxic by inhalation substances

Informal documents: INF.22, INF.28 and INF.30 (France) (INF.22 and INF.28 correspond to INF.15 and INF.20 of the 47th session of the RID Committee of Experts)

26. The Working Party adopted the proposal by France to amend the tank code assigned to UN Nos. 1092, 1238, 1239 and 1244 to take into consideration the principle adopted by the Joint Meeting to assign tank code L15CH to toxic by inhalation substances to which portable tank instruction T22 is assigned (see annex I).

27. The Working Party adopted the proposal by France to introduce transitional measures connected with the modification of tank codes for toxic by inhalation substances, as set out in informal document INF.30 and amended during the session (see annex I).

7. Packing instruction P 203 (Cryogenic receptacles)

Informal document: INF.23 (Belgium) (corresponds to INF.21 of the 47th session of the RID Committee of Experts)

28. The Working Party did not adopt the proposal by Belgium to revoke the decision of the Joint Meeting and to delete from P 203 the provisions specific to RID/ADR/ADN relating to the periodic inspection of closed cryogenic receptacles.

29. As the Joint Meeting had agreed to that deletion out of concern for harmonization with the Model Regulations for the transport of dangerous goods, delegations that so desired were invited to submit any new proposals in that regard to the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

29bis. A member of the Secretariat pointed out that the amendments adopted for packing instruction P203 might entail a consequential amendment to the transitional provision in 1.6.2.1, or perhaps even the addition of a new transitional provision to take account of possible new provisions concerning construction.

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8. Standards

Informal document: INF.7 (CEN) (corresponds to INF.12 of the 47th session of the RID Committee of Experts)

43. The Working Party adopted the amendment proposed by CEN concerning the application dates of standard EN 12807:2001 for new type approvals and the final date for withdrawing existing type approvals.

44. The representative of Germany confirmed that it was acceptable to introduce a reference to standard ISO 3924 in 2.3.3.2 to determine the boiling point and that special provision 649 could be deleted as a result (see annex I).
VI. PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR (Agenda item 5)

A. Miscellaneous proposals

3. Instructions in writing

Documents: 
- ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2009/10 (EIGA)
- ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2009/17 (CEFIC)

Informal document: INF.17 (Switzerland)

47. The Working Party partly adopted CEFIC’s proposal as amended at the session to take account of the problems raised in the document from EIGA and in Switzerland’s informal document (see annex I).

48. Several delegations emphasised the fact that it was a shame to amend the instructions in writing only a few months after they had entered into force and that it would not be desirable to amend them on a regular basis.

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Annex I

Texts adopted by WP.15

The 87th session of WP.15 (Geneva, 2 – 6 November 2009) adopted amendments that also have repercussions for RID. For this reason, the amendments are set out below. Amendments that only concern ADR or that were already taken into account in document OTIF/RID/CE/2009/11 are not shown.


1.4.3.7.1 [The amendment to paragraph (a) in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

In the last sentence of paragraph (b), delete the square brackets and replace "unloading shall not be carried out" with:

"ascertain that unloading is not carried out".

1.6.3.39 Replace "1 January 2011" with:

"1 July 2011".
Replace "second paragraph" with:

"third paragraph".

1.6.4.40 Replace "1 January 2011" with:

"1 July 2011".
Replace "second paragraph" with:

"third paragraph".

1.8.8.2.1 In the first sentence, replace "the technical documentation [as specified in 1.8.8.1.3 (a)]" with:

"technical documentation".

2.3.3.2 For standard ISO 3294, delete the square brackets.

Chapter 3.2
Table A

Insert the following amendments:

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<th>UN number</th>
<th>column</th>
<th>Amendment</th>
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<td>1092</td>
<td>(12)</td>
<td>Replace &quot;L10CH&quot; with: &quot;L15CH&quot;.</td>
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<td>1238</td>
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<td>(12)</td>
<td>Replace &quot;L10CH&quot; with: &quot;L15CH&quot;.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1267, PG I and II</td>
<td>(6)</td>
<td>Delete: &quot;649&quot; (three times). [<em>This necessary consequential amendment is not included in the adopted texts of WP.15.]</em></td>
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<td>1268, PG I and II</td>
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In the new entries for UN number 3494, in column (6), delete:

"649" (three times).

[*This necessary consequential amendment is not included in the adopted texts of WP.15.*]

**Chapter 3.3**

**SP 649** Delete the first amendment and delete the square brackets and "or" at the beginning of the second amendment.

**3.4.12** Delete the Note between square brackets.

**4.1.4.1 P 200** [The amendment in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

**5.4.1.1.18** In the last sentence, in the text between brackets, delete:

"chapter".

**6.2.4.1** In the Table, under "for design and construction", for "EN 12807:2001 (except Annex A)", amend columns (4) and (5) to read as follows:

<table>
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<th>(4)</th>
<th>(5)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&quot;Between 1 January 2005 and 31 December 2010&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;31 December 2012&quot;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**New amendments**

**1.6.2.5** At the end, add:

"unless restricted by a specific transitional measure".
1.6.3 Add the following new transitional measure:

"1.6.3.40 For toxic by inhalation substances of UN Nos. 1092, 1238, 1239, 1244, 1251, 1510, 1580, 1810, 1834, 1838, 2474, 2486, 2668, 3381, 3383, 3385, 3387 and 3389, the tank code specified in column (12) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 applicable up to 31 December 2010 may continue to be applied until 31 December 2016 for fixed tanks (tank-vehicles) and demountable tanks constructed before 1 July 2011."

1.6.4 Add the following new transitional measure:

"1.6.4.41 For toxic by inhalation substances of UN Nos. 1092, 1238, 1239, 1244, 1251, 1510, 1580, 1810, 1834, 1838, 2474, 2486, 2668, 3381, 3383, 3385, 3387 and 3389, the tank code specified in column (12) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 applicable up to 31 December 2010 may continue to be applied until 31 December 2016 for tank-containers constructed before 1 July 2011."

Amendments with repercussions for document OTIF/RID/CE/2009/6

5.4.3.4 Amend the second page of the model for instructions in writing as follows:

– In the row for label No. 4.1, in column (2), in the fourth sentence, add after "vapours":

"or self-ignition".

At the end, add the following new sentence:

"Risk of explosion of desensitized explosives after loss of desensitizer."

– In the row for label No. 4.2, in column (2), replace "Risk of spontaneous combustion" with:

"Risk of fire by spontaneous combustion".

Amend the third page of the model for instructions in writing as follows:

– In the row for label No. 5.1, amend the first sentence in column (2) to read as follows:

"Risk of vigorous reaction, ignition and explosion in contact with combustible or flammable substances."

Delete the second sentence in column (2).

– In the row for label No. 5.2, in column (2), add after "vapours":

"or self-ignition".

– In the row for label No. 6.1, in column (2), amend the first sentence to read as follows:

"Risk of intoxication by inhalation, skin contact or ingestion."

In the second sentence in column (2), replace "and" with:

"or".
– In the row for label No. 6.2, in column (2), add after "Risk of infection.":
"May cause serious disease in humans or animals."

In the second sentence in column (2), replace "and" with:
"or".

– In the row for label No. 8, in column (2), amend the first sentence to read as follows:
"Risk of burns by corrosion."

In the second sentence in column (2), replace "and" with:
"or".

Add the following new third sentence:
"Spilled substance may evolve corrosive vapours."

– In the row for label No. 9, in column (2), replace "and" with:
"or".

At the beginning of the fourth page of the model, add the following new table:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Mark or warning sign</th>
<th>Hazard characteristics</th>
<th>Additional guidance</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Environmentally hazardous</td>
<td>Risk to the aquatic environment or the sewerage system.</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>substances</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Elevated temperature</td>
<td>Risk of burns by heat.</td>
<td>Avoid contact with hot parts of the wagon or container</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>substances</td>
<td></td>
<td>and the spilled substance.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

On the fourth page, in the first sentence under the heading "Equipment for personal protection to be carried in the driver's cab", delete:
"for all danger label numbers".