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Introduction

- In the 2017 edition of RID, various amendments were included in relation to UN numbers 3166 and 3171. One important amendment was that UN numbers 3166 and 3171 do not have a general exemption from all the provisions of RID. In future, the requirements of the special provisions shown in column (6) of Table A must at least be met.
- 2. Vehicles of UN numbers 3166 or 3171 carried as a load and the dangerous goods they contain which are necessary for their operation are not subject to the other provisions of RID if the requirements of special provision 666 are met. For vehicles powered by lithium batteries, the provisions of 2.2.9.1.7 also apply.
- 3. Special provision 666 and 2.2.9.1.7 do not contain any requirements for the affixing of placards or orange-coloured plates.
- 4. For placards, this rule is unequivocal, because column (5) of Table A does not contain any information on the danger labels to be affixed either.
- 5. The situation is different for the hazard identification number, because for both entries, column (20) of Table A contains "90".
- 6. 5.3.2.1.1 lists those cargo transport units on which orange-coloured plates must be displayed. It does not mention car-carrying wagons. 5.3.2.1.1 also permits marking with orange-coloured plates in the case of full wagon loads made up of packages containing one and the same substance or article, but the carriage of motor vehicles on car-carrying wagons does not constitute carriage in packages.

Proposal

7. In order to avoid misunderstandings, the hazard identification number "90" should be deleted from column (20) of Table A for UN numbers 3166 and 3171.