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Subject: Marking of trailers in piggyback transport

Proposal transmitted by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Explanatory summary: 1.1.4.4.3 is silent in terms of what to do with the limited quantity mark in the case of trailers that are carried separately from their tractor unit in piggyback transport.

Decision to be taken: Addition to 1.1.4.4.3

Related documents: –

Introduction

1. RID 1.1.4.4 contains provisions for piggyback transport.

2. 1.1.4.4.2 lists those cases in which it is not necessary to affix placards, marks or orange-coloured plates to carrying wagons. One of these cases is when road vehicles bear the placards, marks or orange-coloured plates in accordance with chapters 5.3 or 3.4 of ADR.
3. However, for trailers that become separated from their tractor unit and that are carrying packages, 1.1.4.4.3 requires that the orange-coloured plate also be affixed to the front of the trailer or the corresponding placards must also be affixed to both sides of the trailer.

4. One of the reasons this additional requirement was included in 1.1.4.4.3 was to avoid any orange-coloured plate affixed to the back of a trailer potentially being obscured by a second road vehicle being carried on the same carrying wagon.

5. However, marks in accordance with Chapter 3.4 of ADR are not mentioned in 1.1.4.4.3, even though there might also be a case here in which the mark only appears on the back of a trailer that has become separated from its tractor unit.

Proposal

6. The Secretariat is therefore of the view that 1.1.4.4.3 should be amended.

7. Amend 1.1.4.4.3 to read as follows:

"1.1.4.4.3 Carriage of trailers carrying packages

If a trailer becomes separated from its tractor unit, the orange-coloured plate in accordance with 5.3.2 of ADR and the marks in accordance with Chapter 3.4 of ADR shall also be affixed to the front of the trailer or the corresponding placards shall also be affixed to both sides of the trailer."