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5. Sweden believes this is unacceptable for persons involved in the carriage of dangerous goods as well as for the rescue services that have to respond on the basis of the markings, placards and labels displayed. A larger placard implies that a hazard is more severe than a smaller placard does.

6. Sweden is in favour of the possibility of reducing the size of the placard on railway wagons for reasons linked to the construction of the wagon, but this should not be done unconditionally.

Proposal 1

7. Replace the text in 5.3.1.7.4 with the following text (new text underlined):

"5.3.1.7.4 The dimensions of the placards to be affixed to wagons may be reduced to 150 mm by 150 mm if the size and construction of the wagon is such that the available surface area is insufficient to affix the prescribed placards. In this case, the other dimensions prescribed for the symbol, lines, figures and letters do not apply."

Proposal 2

8. Add a new sentence to 5.3.1.7.4:

"If the dimensions of a primary risk placard are reduced, the dimensions of subsidiary risk placard(s) shall also be reduced to the same size."

Justification

9. This would improve safety. Regulations for the inland transport of dangerous goods would be more harmonised.
Overview of current provisions regulating the size of different placards and markings on vehicles/wagons

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(For small tanks and containers the size may be reduced to 100 mm by 100 mm, unconditionally.)