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Introduction

1. RID 5.4.1.1.1 begins with the phrase:

"Next to the cross to be entered in the appropriate box, the transport document(s) shall contain ...".

This is based on the system used for the CIM consignment note where a cross in the appropriate box indicates that the consignment contains dangerous goods.

2. Since the 2005 edition of RID when RID became Appendix C to COTIF rather than Annex 1 to CIM (CIM being Appendix B to COTIF), RID has formally recognized other consignment notes/documents as transport documents (see definition of transport document in RID 1.2.1). At the same time it was agreed to use the term "transport document" to align with the terminology in ADR (and other modes of transport).
3. As other documentation than the CIM consignment note which does not use a cross in the appropriate box to indicate the presence of dangerous goods may be used as the transport document, this should be reflected in RID Chapter 5.4.

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Proposal

4. Amend the beginning of the first sentence of 5.4.1.1.1 to read:

"The transport document(s) shall contain the following information ...".

This then also aligns with the text of ADR.

5. Insert a new sentence at the end of 5.4.1.4.1 to read:

"If a consignment note in accordance with CIM is used as the transport document, in addition to the information required in 5.4.1.1 and 5.4.1.2, a cross shall be entered in the appropriate box."

Alternatively if this is not limited to the CIM consignment note this new sentence could be more generally worded as follows:

"In addition to the information required in 5.4.1.1 and 5.4.1.2, a cross shall be entered in the appropriate box if the transport document to be used provides for this, for example the consignment note in accordance with CIM."
