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Subject: New transitional provision in connection with restricting the possibility of using smaller placards

Proposal transmitted by the Secretariat of OTIF

Introduction

1. At the 1st session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Riga, 12 - 15 November 2012), Sweden's proposal in document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2012/4 was adopted. The proposal was to link the possibility of using smaller placards to the surface area available on the wagon (see report OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2012-A, paragraphs 9 to 11 and Annex I).
2. For the 2015 edition of RID, the standing working group adopted the following amendment:
5.3.1.7.4 Amend to read as follows:
"5.3.1.7.4 If the size and construction of the wagon are such that the available surface area is insufficient to affix the prescribed placards, their dimensions may be reduced to a minimum of 150 mm by 150 mm. In this case, the other dimensions prescribed for the symbols, lines, figures and letters do not apply."
3. The standing working group also adopted a transitional provision proposed by Sweden in order particularly to enable the modification of freight wagons fitted with mounting frames for placards.

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4. The following transitional provision was adopted for the 2015 edition of RID:

"**1.6.1.28** Existing placards which meet the requirements of 5.3.1.7.4 applicable up to 31 December 2014 may continue to be used until 31 December 2017."

5. Closer examination in the UIC Group of Experts for the transport of dangerous goods has revealed that the wording chosen might give the impression that smaller placards may not be used at all in future and that the only purpose of the transitional provision is to use up remaining stocks of small placards.
6. In fact however, smaller placards may continue to be used in those cases where the surface area available on the wagon is not sufficient to affix normal sized placards.

Proposal

7. The Secretariat of OTIF therefore proposes to amend the transitional provision adopted by the 1st session of the standing working group as follows:

"**1.6.1.28** Placards of reduced dimensions which, before 1 January 2015, could be affixed to wagons in accordance with the provisions of 5.3.1.7.4 applicable up to 31 December 2014, but which do not meet the requirement for affixing placards of reduced dimensions in accordance with the provisions of 5.3.1.7.4 applicable from 1 January 2015, shall be replaced by no later than 1 January 2018."
