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Information from the Secretariat

Extracts from the draft report of the 97th session of WP.15 (Geneva, 3 to 7 November 2014)

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VII. Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B of ADR (agenda item 6)

B. Miscellaneous proposals

1. Corrections to annexes A and B of ADR as modified by the amendments entering into force on 1 January 2015

Documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2014/12 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2014/13 (Secretariat)

Informal documents: INF.4, INF.9, INF.20 (Secretariat)

17. The Working Party adopted the corrections proposed by the secretariat and requested it to take the necessary steps to publish a corrigendum as soon as possible.

Note by the OTIF Secretariat: The draft corrigendum to the notification texts OTIF/RID/NOT/2015 of 30 June 2014 is contained in informal document INF.4 from the 4th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group. Insofar as they also concern RID, the above-mentioned corrections to ADR have been taken into account in this document.

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IV. Interpretation of ADR (agenda item 4) (continued)

C. Exemption under 1.1.3.1 (a)

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2014/10 (Switzerland)

23. Most of the delegations that took the floor considered that the current wording of 1.1.3.1 (a) was clear and that, for goods packaged for retail sale the exemptions were not only applicable to the driver during transport but also to all members of the same family or group of individuals travelling in the same vehicle. They also considered private transport of goods packaged for retail sale on behalf of others under this exemption.
24. Other delegations considered, however, that 1.1.3.1 (a) in its current wording could lead to large groups taking on excessive quantities of goods. It could therefore be useful to set reasonable and practical limits for any dangerous goods that might enter into the scope of 1.1.3.1 (a).
25. The Working Party invited the representative of Switzerland to continue discussions on the subject within the Joint Meeting so that, if necessary, a harmonized approach could be adopted for RID, ADR and ADN.

D. Exemption in special provision 375 for environmentally hazardous substances of UN Nos. 3077 and 3082

Informal documents: INF.6 (Switzerland)
INF.15 (CEFIC/AISE/CEPE)

26. Most delegations that took the floor considered that the exemptions provided under ADR were proposed as options, and that participants could decide not to apply them. It was, however, recognized that there were certain exceptions which in their current wording could be interpreted as being mandatory, for example special provision 375.
27. As the question had to be discussed at the next session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, the representative of Switzerland was invited to raise the matter at the next session, in the light of the Sub-Committee's conclusions.

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VII. Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B of ADR (agenda item 6) (continued)

B. Miscellaneous proposals (continued)

6. Proposal for flexible bulk containers

Documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/132/Add.2 (Secretariat)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/136 (Secretariat)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2014/17 (IDGCA)

37. The amendments concerning flexible bulk containers adopted by the Joint Meeting at its autumn 2013 session were endorsed by the Working Party for entry into force on 1 January 2017 with some changes resulting from the decision of the Joint Meeting at its Spring 2014 session to transfer the definitions from chapter 6.11 to section 1.2.1.

Note by the OTIF Secretariat: The amendments necessary for RID in relation to the introduction of flexible bulk containers are set out in informal document INF.7 for the 4th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group.

38. The proposal of IDGCA to add requirements concerning vehicle equipment was adopted with some amendments.

7. 1.4.2.2 Carrier obligations

Informal document: INF.7 (Romania)

39. Most delegations who took the floor preferred option 2 of proposal 2. The representative of Romania would present an official proposal at the next session.

8. Elevated temperature substance mark

Informal document: INF.11 (France)

40. The Working Party was not in favour of adding a new transitional measure for the application of the new requirements of 5.3.3 enlarging the scope of the elevated temperature substance mark and considered that the general transitional period provided for in 1.6.1.1 was adequate.

41. The proposal was withdrawn.

X. Any other business (agenda item 9) (continued)

B. Bulk carriage of coal

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2014/47 (Poland)

Informal document: INF.5 (Secretariat)

Informal documents of the spring 2014 session of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting:
INF.24 (ECFD) and INF.29 (Secretariat)

42. The Working Party noted that the ADN Safety Committee and the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group had adopted provisions to exempt, under certain conditions, the carriage of hard coal, anthracite and coke through the use of a new special provision.
43. EURACOAL would present a document at the next session to include equivalent provisions for road transport in ADR.
44. The representative of Poland pointed out that a multilateral agreement on the issue was under development and would be circulated for signature among Contracting Parties soon.
45. It was suggested that the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods could decide on the doubts raised in respect of classifying coal and the possible need to adopt additional provisions for the intermodal carriage of coal.
46. The Working Party requested the secretariat to make the documents presented at this session available to the Sub-Committee.

C. Address of CGA

Informal document: INF.10 (Secretariat)

47. The Working Party noted the new address of CGA and asked the secretariat to update the address in the definitions in 1.2.1 of ADR.

Note by the OTIF Secretariat: This results in the following amendment instruction for RID (entry into force on 1 January 2017):

Chapter 1.2

- 1.2.1** Amend the definition of "**CGA**" to read as follows:

"**CGA**" means the Compressed Gas Association (CGA, 14501 George Carter Way, Suite 103, Chantilly VA 20151, United States of America);".

VI. Work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (agenda item 5)

Documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/134/Add.1, paras. 32 to 42, and -/Add.2 (Secretariat)

48. The amendments to annexes A and B of ADR entering into force on 1 January 2017 that had been adopted by the Joint Meeting at its spring 2014 session were approved by the Working Party.

Note by the OTIF Secretariat: The provisions proposed by the Joint Meeting's working group on tanks (Berne, 17 – 21 March 2014) in relation to the holding time for refrigerated liquefied gases in tanks, which the Joint Meeting adopted, are set out in informal document INF.8 for the 4th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group.

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