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Subject: Protective distance for road vehicles

Transmitted by the United Kingdom

Background

1. In considering the draft report of the 4th meeting of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group the United Kingdom identified an issue with the text adopted for 7.4.3 in relation to the second reference to road vehicles (OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2014-B, Annex I). For road vehicles carrying packaged dangerous goods no placards are required for dangerous goods in Classes 2.1, 3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1 or 5.2 or with these as a subsidiary hazard. If above the ADR 1.1.3.6 threshold, orange plates are required otherwise no such marking is required. The United Kingdom volunteered to put in a proposal to the next meeting and in the meantime the Secretariat put "or road vehicles" between square brackets.

Proposal

2. Amend the 1st paragraph of 7.5.3 to read as follows (new text in bold):

"Every wagon, large container, portable tank or road vehicle containing substances or articles of Class 1 and bearing a placard conforming to models Nos. 1, 1.5 or 1.6, shall be separated on the same train from wagons, large containers, portable tanks, tank containers, MEGCs or road vehicles bearing a placard conforming to models Nos. 2.1, 3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1 or 5.2 **or road vehicles [for which the transport document indicates they are] containing packages bearing a label conforming to models Nos. 2.1, 3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1 or 5.2** by a protective distance."

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3. Alternatively instead of the new text in square brackets a footnote * (the Secretariat to determine the number) could be added after the new "5.2" with the following text:

"* Where "2.1", "3", "4.1", "4.2", "4.3", "5.1" or "5.2" is indicated in the transport document in accordance with 5.4.1.1.1 (c)."

Justification

4. The proposed amendment to 7.4.3 will mean that road vehicles carrying the relevant packaged dangerous goods will be covered in an equivalent manner to wagons and large containers carrying the same packaged dangerous goods.
