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Subject: Entering the hazard identification number in the transport document

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Introduction

1. RID 5.4.1.1.1 (j) stipulates when the hazard identification number has to be entered in the transport document. The sequence in which the information has to be entered is also defined, but in a form which is not quite correct.

Explanation

2. The examples at the end of 5.4.1.1.1 show clearly the desired sequence of the information in the transport document. The hazard identification number should be entered before the letters "UN".

"663, UN 1098 ALLYL ALCOHOL, 6.1 (3), I"

3. However, the corresponding requirement in 5.4.1.1.1 (j) reads:

"when a marking in accordance with 5.3.2.1 is prescribed, the hazard identification number shall also be inscribed before the UN number."

4. This requirement is not quite correctly worded. According to the definition (see 1.2.1), UN number only means the four figure number, without the letters "UN". If the requirement "*before the UN number*" in 5.4.1.1.1 (j) were to be complied with strictly, the hazard identification number would have to be entered between the letters "UN" and the actual four figure UN number.

Proposal

5. Amend 5.4.1.1.1 (j) to read as follows (deleted text is crossed out, new text is shown in bold).

“(j) when a marking in accordance with 5.3.2.1 is prescribed, the hazard identification number shall also be inscribed before ~~the UN number~~ **the letters “UN” (see 5.4.1.1.1 (a))**. The hazard identification number shall also be shown where wagon loads made up of packages containing one and the same substance are marked in accordance with 5.3.2.1.”

Justification

6. The proposed amendment makes the correct entry in the transport document clear. This amendment only concerns RID, because only RID contains the provision according to 5.4.1.1.1 (j).
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