Introduction

1. Experience shows that the second sentence of RID 5.4.1.1.1 (j) is not understood uniformly by transport companies and that the orange marking of wagons in relation to the hazard identification number in the transport documents is viewed differently by various railway companies.

2. In order to unify these different views, we consider it desirable to revise this provision so that it provides a clear understanding of the relationship between the provisions of 5.3.2.1 and 5.4.1.1.1 (j) and the correct subsequent procedure to be carried out by the parties involved in the transport of dangerous goods when marking or not marking wagons with orange labels in terms of stating or not stating the hazard identification number in the transport documents.

3. The provisions of RID must be interpreted correctly in order that the participants can carry out their obligations and the relevant state authorities can carry out inspections.

Proposal

4. Amend 5.4.1.1.1 (j) to read as follows (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 hazard identification number shall also be shown where full loads made up of packages containing one and the same substance are marked in accordance with 5.3.2.1. If the wagon is not marked in accordance with 5.3.2.1, the hazard identification number shall not be inscribed."
5. Amend the penultimate paragraph of 5.4.1.1.1 to read as follows (new text is shown in bold):

"When a marking in accordance with 5.3.2.1 is required or attached, (a), (b), (c), (d), and (j) shall be shown in the sequence (j), (a), (b), (c), (d) with no information interspersed, except as provided in RID."

Explanation

6. The proposal is supported by UIC leaflet 471-3, paragraph 5.1 of which states that:

"The carrier accepting dangerous goods for carriage at the point of departure shall check:

5.1 - That the goods are authorised for carriage under the terms of the RID [...]"

To this end, the information entered on the transport document must be compared with that on the list of dangerous goods (see RID chapter 3.2, Table A) [...] ; the information in question is as follows:

- the hazard identification number, if an orange-coloured plate is affixed in accordance with RID/ADR 5.3.2.1 or RID 5.4.1.1.9; [...]".

Example 1

Orange-coloured plates on the wagon
Inscription in the transport document
"X 423 UN 1402 CALCIUM CARBIDE 4.3 I".

Example 2

No orange-coloured plates on the wagon

Inscription in the transport document
"UN 1402 CALCIUM CARBIDE 4.3 I".