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Transitional provision for RID 2015 has expired

From 1 July 2015, it is mandatory to apply the 2015 edition of the Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID) to the cross-border carriage of dangerous goods. This also applies to domestic transport within the European Union. Up to 30 June, the 2013 and 2015 versions of the law could be applied in parallel by means of a general transitional provision.

At the same time, a transitional provision that has been contained in RID since 2011 will expire on 30 June 2015, according to which dangerous goods packed in limited quantities could be carried either in accordance with the system in force up to 30 December 2010 or in accordance with the provisions in force since 1 January 2011. From 1 July, uniform maximum quantities for all modes of transport will apply to this type of transport, for which it is not necessary to comply with dangerous goods law in its entirety.

A new edition of RID is published every two years by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF), which is based in Bern. The provisions are harmonised with the dangerous goods regulations for road transport (ADR) and inland waterways transport (ADN), which are published by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). RID is available on OTIF's website (www.otif.org) in the Organisation's working languages – German, English and French. So far, two corrigenda have been published for the 2015 edition. These are also available on OTIF's website.

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