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Subject: Marking in piggyback transport

Information from the Secretariat

At the 46th session of the RID Committee of Experts (Hamburg, 21 – 23 October 2008), it was agreed to submit informal document INF.4 drafted by the ad hoc working group during the meeting to the next session of the RID Committee of Experts as an official document (see paragraph 11 of report OTIF/RID/CE/2008-B).

The Secretariat has also made the following editorial amendments:

– The text under the heading of 1.1.4.4 has been numbered 1.1.4.4.1 and the following paragraphs have been renumbered accordingly.

– In 1.1.4.4.4 (formerly 1.1.4.4.3), the term "semi-trailer" has been replaced by “trailer” as requested by the 46th session of the RID Committee of Experts.

– In the Note to 5.3.1.3, the reference to 1.1.4.4.1 (now 1.1.4.4.2) has been replaced by a reference to the whole of 1.1.4.4, as the provisions of 1.1.4.4.4 to 1.1.4.4.6 (formerly 1.1.4.4.3 to 1.1.4.4.5) must also be observed.

– In accordance with the system of RID, the text proposed for 5.3.2.1.6 will be included in a Note to 5.3.2.1, and again the reference will be broadened to cover the whole of 1.1.4.4.

– The deletion of 7.1.2 has been included as a further consequential amendment. The former footnote 1) to 7.1.2, which points out that the reference to ADR also includes the multilateral special agreements, has been moved to 1.1.4.4.1.

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The proposal amended as above is reproduced below:

1.1.4.4 Amend to read as follows:

1.1.4.4 Piggyback transport

1.1.4.4.1 Dangerous goods may also be carried in piggyback transport under the following conditions:

Vehicles and their contents handed over for transport shall meet the provisions of ADR*).

The following shall not be permitted:

– explosives of Class 1, compatibility group A (UN Nos. 0074, 0113, 0114, 0129, 0130, 0135, 0224 and 0473);

– self-reactive substances of Class 4.1 requiring temperature control (UN Nos. 3231 – 3240);

– organic peroxides of Class 5.2 requiring temperature control (UN Nos. 3111 – 3120);

– sulphur trioxide of Class 8 at least 99.95% pure, without inhibitor, carried in tanks (UN No. 1829).

*) This Agreement also includes the special agreements which have been signed by all the countries involved in the transport operation.

1.1.4.4.2 Placards or marking on wagons carrying road vehicles

The placarding or marking of carrying wagons is not necessary when the road vehicles are placarded and marked in accordance with the placards and markings prescribed in Chapter 5.3 or 3.4 of ADR.

In addition, the placarding or marking of carrying wagons is not necessary when no placards or markings are prescribed for the road vehicles (e.g. 1.1.3.6 of ADR).

1.1.4.4.3 Orange-coloured plates on wagons carrying road vehicles

It shall not be necessary to affix the orange-coloured plates to carrying wagons when the road vehicles bear the orange-coloured plates prescribed in 5.3.2 of ADR.

In addition, it shall not be necessary to affix the orange-coloured plates to carrying wagons when no orange-coloured plates are prescribed for the road vehicles (e.g. Note to ADR 5.3.2.1.5).

1.1.4.4.4 Carriage of trailers carrying packages only

If a trailer becomes separated from its tractor unit, the orange-coloured plates shall also be affixed to the front of the trailer or the corresponding placards shall be affixed to both sides of the trailer.
1.1.4.4.5  Repetition of markings on wagons carrying road vehicles

If the affixed placards, markings and/or orange-coloured plates in accordance with 1.1.4.4.2 and 1.1.4.4.3 are not visible from outside the carrying wagon, they shall be affixed to both sides of the carrying wagon.

1.1.4.4.6  Information in the transport document

For carriage in piggyback transport in accordance with 1.1.4.4, the following shall be entered in the transport document:

“CARRIAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1.1.4.4.”.

For the carriage of tanks or dangerous goods in bulk for which ADR prescribes an orange-coloured plate with the hazard identification number, the hazard identification number shall be entered in the transport document before the UN number.

1.1.4.4.7  All the other provisions of RID remain unaffected.”

Consequential amendments:

1.2.1  Amend the definition of “Piggyback transport” to read as follows:

“Piggyback transport” means the carriage of transport units or vehicles within the meaning of ADR in combined road/rail transport. This definition also includes the rolling road (loading of transport units within the meaning of ADR (accompanied or unaccompanied) onto wagons designed for this type of transport)."

5.3.1.3  Delete:

“and of wagons used for piggyback transport”.

Add a note as follows:

"Note. For the placarding of carrying wagons used in piggyback transport, see 1.1.4.4."

5.3.1.3.1  Delete the paragraph header.

5.3.1.3.2  Delete.

5.3.2.1  After the heading, insert the following Note:

"Note. For the orange-coloured marking of carrying wagons used in piggyback transport, see 1.1.4.4."

5.3.2.1.6  Amend to read as follows:

"Reserved)".

5.4.1.1.9  Amend to read as follows:

"Special provisions for piggyback transport

Note. For the information in the transport document, see 1.1.4.4.6."
Amend to read as follows:

"7.1.2 (Reserved)".