

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Joint Meeting of the RID safety committee and the
working party on the transport of dangerous goods
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PLACKARDING OF TRANSPORT UNITS CARRYING PACKAGINGS

Comments of Belgium to INF. 7

When a road vehicle carrying packages containing dangerous goods is transported by rail, placards have to be placed on the carrying wagons or on the road vehicle itself (the possibility of placing the placards on the vehicle will be introduced in 2007 on the basis of document OCTI/RID/CE/42/5h).

It is, indeed, in most cases easier to affix the placards required by RID onto the vehicle before the road journey starts than onto the wagon at the transshipment station. But by doing this, the vehicle bears placards during the road transport, contrary to the ADR provisions. In order to avoid possible difficulties during road controls, this procedure should be allowed explicitly, as is already the case for the comparable combined road/sea transports.

If the meeting shares this opinion, Belgium is willing to introduce a proposal to this intent at the WP.15.