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**Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN: new proposals**

### **Amendment to 1.4.3.3 – Mark for elevated temperature substances and environmentally hazardous substance mark**

**Transmitted by the Government of Austria<sup>1, 2</sup>**

#### *Summary*

**Executive summary:** Under 1.4.3.3 (h), the filler must ensure that the orange plates and placards or labels are affixed. Marks for elevated temperature substances and environmentally hazardous substances are not mentioned.

**Decision to be taken:** Supplement 1.4.3.3 (h) with marks for elevated temperature substances and environmentally hazardous substances.

## **Introduction**

1. RID/ADR/ADN sections 1.4.2 and 1.4.3 establish the responsibilities of the persons involved in carriage in respect of the marking under Chapter 5.3 as well. Here, the filler plays a crucial role. Under 1.4.3.3 (h), the filler must ensure that the orange plates and placards or labels are affixed on tanks, wagons/vehicles and large and small containers.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2010–2014 (ECE/TRANS/208, para. 106, ECE/TRANS/2010/8, programme activity 02.7 (c)).

<sup>2</sup> Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2012/20.

Marks for elevated temperature substances and environmentally hazardous substances are not mentioned.

2. Fillers sometimes cite this as proof that such a task is not among their responsibilities. Austria supposes that this distinction is unintentional, as it sees no reason for it to be made deliberately.

## **Proposal**

3. In 1.4.3.3 (h), insert the following after “placards or labels”:  
“as well as marks for elevated temperature substances and environmentally hazardous substances”.

## **Justification**

**Safety:** The amendment ensures that all necessary marks are affixed from the beginning of carriage in a tank or in bulk, thus improving safety.

**Feasibility:** No problem foreseen. The amendment establishes a legal safeguard, corresponds for the most part with practice, and otherwise involves only a small addition to the tasks to be performed, without imposing any truly new requirement.

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