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Proposals for amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR: miscellaneous proposals

Correction of inconsistency in 5.4.2 of ADR: Large container or vehicle packing certificate

Transmitted by the Government of the United Kingdom¹

Introduction

1. The text in 5.4.2 of the 2015 edition of ADR currently refers to the requirement in 5.4.2 of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for a container packing certificate and when this is required to be applied. This section of the IMDG Code also requires a vehicle packing certificate, which is not reflected in the text of 5.4.2 of ADR.

2. The heading of 5.4.2 does include a vehicle packing certificate, and this is also covered in footnote 6. However, in our view the body of the text of 5.4.2, should also contain express direction to the vehicle packing certificate to ensure that there is no confusion as to the requirements that are set out here.

Proposal

3. Add the underlined text to 5.4.2 of ADR as follows:

5.4.2 Large container or vehicle packing certificate

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2014-2015 (ECE/TRANS/240, para. 100, ECE/TRANS/2014/23, cluster 9, para.9.1).

If the carriage of dangerous goods in a large container precedes a voyage by sea, a container/vehicle packing certificate conforming to section 5.4.2 of the IMDG Code⁵ shall be provided with the transport document⁶.

The functions of the transport document required under 5.4.1 and of the container/vehicle packing certificate as provided above may be incorporated into a single document, if not, these documents shall be attached one to the other. If these functions are incorporated into a single document, the inclusion in the transport document of a statement that the loading of the container has been carried out in accordance with applicable modal regulations together with the identification of the person responsible for the container/vehicle packing certificate shall be sufficient.

NOTE: the container/vehicle packing certificate is not required for portable tanks, tank-containers and MEGCs.

Justification

4. This proposed amendment will act to ensure that the requirements contained within the IMDG Code are met, the text of ADR is aligned with that of the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID), improving read across and help to ensure that there is certainty for the users of ADR and the enforcement agencies.
