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

Deletion of special provision 556 in RID/ADR/ADN Chapter 3.3

Transmitted by the Government of Germany *, **

Summary

Executive summary: Special provision 556 is not allocated to any UN number

in the currently applicable provisions and is therefore

superfluous.

Action to be taken: Delete SP 556 in Chapter 3.3.

Related documents: OCTI/RID/GT-III/2003/56/Add.3

(TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/56/Add.3).

Introduction

- 1. In Germany, it has been noticed that special provision 556 in Chapter 3.3 is not allocated to any UN number in the currently applicable provisions.
- 2. Research has shown that this special provision, which is specific to RID/ADR/ADN(R), was only allocated to UN 3207 (Organometallic compound, or solution,

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or dispersion, water-reactive, flammable, n.o.s.). However, this UN number was deleted from the provisions on 1 January 2005.

3. Presumably, it was forgotten to delete the accompanying special provision when UN 3207 was deleted.

Proposal

4. Germany therefore proposes to delete special provision 556 in RID/ADR/ADN Chapter 3.3 (new text is underlined):

"556 (Deleted) Organometallic compounds and their solutions which ignite spontaneously are substances of Class 4.2. Flammable solutions with organometallic compounds in concentrations which, in contact with water, neither emit flammable gases in dangerous quantities nor ignite spontaneously are substances of Class 3."