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RESTRUCTURING OF RID/ADR

Chapter 3.3 : Special provision 584

Proposal by the Government of Belgium

Introduction

Special provision 584 in document TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.2 corresponds to the present marginal 2201a (2)(b). However, the original text has been altered in some places to make it fit into the restructured scheme. As a result of these alterations, the provision becomes almost incomprehensible.

Moreover, the reference to special provision n in packing instruction P200 (l) of 4.1.4.1 is not correct. This provision n contains requirements that are contradictory to those of special provision 584 (a maximum content per capsule of 150 g), that are not present in marginal 2201a (2)(b) (use of an additional closing device and of an outer packaging, maximum mass of a package of 75 kg) or that are not of application (paragraph 2 that gives the gases and gas mixtures not allowed in capsules). If a majority finds it necessary to include some of the requirements of provision n in special provision 584, these should be introduced in full in the text of the special provision.

Proposal

Change special provision 584 as follows :

“This gas is not subject to the requirements of ADR/RID, if :

- it is in the gaseous state,
- it contains not more than 0,5 % air,
- it is contained in metal capsules (sodors, sparklets),
- a capsule contains not more than 25 g of this gas, and
- a capsule contains not more than 0,75 g of this gas per cm³ of capacity.”
