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# CHAPTER 5.4: INFORMATION IN THE TRANSPORT DOCUMENT FOR THE TRANSPORT OF EMPTY MEANS OF CONTAINMENT

# Transmitted by the International Union of Railways (UIC/IUR)

Analytical summary:

The aim of this proposal is to harmonize the information in the transport document in 5.4.1.1.1 and 5.4.1.1.6.

Action to be taken:

Amend the text of 5.4.1.1.6.

Related documents:

INF. 10 of the September 2002 Joint Meeting and paragraph 41 of the report OCTI/RID/GT-III/2002B (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/90).

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## **Introduction:**

In the discussion of document INF. 10 from Austria, the representative of UIC/IUR proposed to harmonize the information in the transport document in the case of carriage of empty means of containment with the provisions in 5.4.1.1.1, in such cases, where the "last load" has to be indicated.

The UIC/IUR is of the opinion that, if for safety reasons in the case of larger empty means of containment, uncleaned, the last load has to be indicated in the transport document, the elements of the information should be the same as prescribed in 5.4.1.1.1 (a) to (d) and for the RID also (j), for the loaded means of containment. Such a provision would avoid confusion and enable consignors and carriers to use more or less the same information for transport documents for loaded and empty means of containment.

# **Proposal:**

Amend 5.4.1.1.6 to read:

Special provisions for empty uncleaned packagings, wagons (RID)/vehicles (ADR), containers, tanks, battery-wagons RID/battery-vehicles ADR and MEGC's 5.4.1.1.6.1 For the following empty means of containment, uncleaned, which contain the residue of dangerous goods of classes other than Class 7, the description in the transport document shall be:

"EMPTY PACKAGING", "EMPTY RECEPTACLE", "EMPTY IBC", "EMPTY LARGE PACKAGING", as appropriate, followed by the class number. See example as follows: "EMPTY PACKAGING, 3".

5.4.1.1.6.2

For the following empty means of containment, uncleaned, which contain the residue of dangerous goods of classes other than Class 7, the description in the transport document shall be:

"EMPTY TANK VEHICLE" (ADR), "EMPTY TANK WAGON" (RID), "EMPTY DEMOUNTABLE TANK", "EMPTY TANK CONTAINER", "EMPTY PORTABLE TANK", "EMPTY BATTERY-VEHICLE" (ADR), "EMPTY BATTERY-WAGON" (RID), "EMPTY MEGC", "EMPTY VEHICLE" (ADR), "EMPTY WAGON" (RID), "EMPTY CONTAINER", followed by the words "last load" together with the information of the goods last loaded, as prescribed in 5.4.1.1.1 (a) to (d).

(RID only) and (i).

See example as follows:

ADR: "EMPTY TANK-VEHICLE, LAST LOAD: UN 1017 CHLORINE, 2.3 (8)"

RID: "EMPTY TANK-WAGON, LAST LOAD: 268 1017 CHLORINE, 2.3 (8)"

This provision is also applicable to **EMPTY** gas **RECEPTACLES** with a capacity of more than 1000 litres.

5.4.1.1.6.3 (last sentence of existing 5.4.1.1.6, unchanged).

## Justification

Safety: The information in the transport document, in the case of carriage of large

empty means of containment, will be similar to the information in the case

of loaded means of containment, thereby avoiding confusion.

Feasibility: Participants in the carriage of dangerous goods can use the same

data for the documentation of loaded and empty means of containment.

Enforceability: The checks by enforcement authorities will be simplified.