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PART 1 OF RID/ADR/ADN SUB-SECTION 1.1.4.2

Carriage in a transport chain including maritime or air carriage

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

The RID Committee of Experts, at its thirty-ninth session in November 2002, discussed a proposal transmitted by the International Union of Railways (UIC) OCTI/RID/CE/39/4d) in view of discussing the possibility of introducing into RID a provision similar to the new 1.1.4.2.2 of ADR.

As already explained in document TRANS/WP.15/2001/27, para. 16, it is not possible now, and it will continue not to be possible in the future, to use other documents than the CIM consignment note for international rail transport.

Therefore the UIC proposed to the RID Committee to discuss the possibility to use the information required for the sea or air transport in the CIM consignment note in the case of carriage in a transport chain including maritime or air carriage.

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In the discussion, the following points were highlighted:

According to 5.4.1.4.1 of RID, the use of the English language for the information in the consignment note is permitted only for traffic with the United Kingdom and Ireland.

The RID (and ADR) require supplementary information in the consignment note/transport document, not required for maritime and air carriage, such as:

- the statement for portable tanks approved for maritime carriage (5.4.1.1.8);
- the statement on the recognition of the classification of fireworks by the competent authority of a RID/ADR-member state (see SP 645 and 5.4.1.2.1 g));
- the additional provisions for class 2 (5.4.1.2.2);
- the additional provisions for class 6.2 (5.4.1.2.4);
- reference to SP 640 (5.4.1.1.16);
- (RID only) the hazard identification number;
- (RID only) the statement for military consignments (5.4.1.2.1 g));
- (RID only) the statement for tank transport of refrigerated gases (5.4.1.2.2 d)).

The Chairman of the RID Committee of Experts asked the representative of UIC to bring these discussion points to the attention of the Joint Meeting, because the absence of some information required by RID/ADR in a transport document used for maritime and air transport might be a problem of relevance to road transport as well.