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NEW PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

<u>Chapter 3.3: New special provision for cleaning pads containing</u> environmentally hazardous substances

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1. Background

Due to the new classification criteria in 2.2.9.1.10, some cleaning agents became dangerous goods (class 9, UN 3077 or 3082). This also applies to cleaning pads.

2. Justification

According to special provision 216, assigned to UN 3175, cleaning pads containing flammable liquids (packing group II or III) are not subject to RID/ADR/ADN if the prerequisites are met. Therefore a similar special provision should be introduced for cleaning pads containing environmentally hazardous substances (liquid or solid), as these are, compared with flammable liquids, even less dangerous.

3. Proposal

Introduction of a new special provision (similar to SP 216) for solid materials soaked with environmentally hazardous substances, liquid or solid to exempt these materials from RID/ADR/ADN, as long as the requirements laid down are met.

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3.3.1 Add a new special provision 6xx (for UN numbers 3077 and 3082) with the following wording:

"6xx Sealed packets containing less than 10 ml or g of a liquid or solid environmentally hazardous substance absorbed into a solid material are not subject to RID/ADR/ADN provided there is no free liquid or free solid in the packet."