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PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN */

New proposals

Cargo securing for dangerous goods vehicles

Transmitted by the European Commission

SUMMARY

Executive summary: The European Commission proposes the addition of a new footnote under sub-section 7.5.7.1, which contains references to the European best practices guidelines on cargo securing and the references which already exist in section 7.1.1 of the UN Model Regulations.

Action to be taken: Add a new Note after sub-section 7.5.7.1 in RID/ADR

Related documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/192 (paragraph 20)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/ 2007/1
INF 11 (Secretariat) (Joint Meeting March 2007)
INF.16 (Belgium) (WP.15 - 77th session).

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Background

1. Under the auspices of the European Commission, an Expert Group was set up with representatives from Member States and industry to develop “Best Practice Guidelines” for cargo securing. The guidelines have now been completed and have been published on the European Commission's website at the following address: http://ec.europa.eu/transport/roadsafety/vehicles/best_practice_guidelines_en.htm.
2. The European Commission proposes that a reference to these guidelines should be added to sub-section 7.5.7.1 of RID / ADR in the form of a footnote.
3. The referencing of these guidelines has been discussed in the Committee on the transport of dangerous goods where a large majority of Member States were in favour of referencing the guidelines in the international texts and at the same time including the references in section 7.1.1 of the UN Model Regulations also in a footnote in section 7.5.7.1 of RID / ADR. The proposal was also discussed at the 82nd session of WP.15 where delegations supported discussing the proposal in the Joint meeting and referencing the guidelines in a footnote rather than a NOTE.
4. There is already a precedent in RID / ADR for referencing such guidelines, section 5.4.2 references IMO guidelines on loading goods.

Proposal

5. The Commission proposes to add a new footnote under sub-section 7.5.7.1, which contains references to the best practices guidelines and the references which already exist in section 7.1.1 of the UN Model Regulations.
6. Insert the following footnote after sub-section 7.5.7.1 of RID / ADR:

“Footnote 1:Guidance on the stowing of transport units can be found in the “European Best Practice Guidelines on Cargo Securing for Road Transport” published by the European Commission, and in the IMO/ ILO/ UNECE “Guidelines for Packing Cargo Transport Units (CTUs)” contained in the supplement to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, or in the “Agreement governing the exchange and use of Wagons between Railway Undertakings (RIV 2000) Appendix II loading guidelines” published by the International Union of Railways (UIC). National Codes of Practise may also be available (for example the United Kingdom Department for Transport” Code of Practice on Safety of Loads on Vehicles”). “

Justification

Safety: There may be an improvement in safety standards through increased awareness and use of the best practice guidelines.

Feasibility: No problems. RID /ADR already contains references to other guidelines, for instance in section 5.4.2.

Enforceability: The guidelines were written with the facilitation of enforcement in mind.
