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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**

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Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN: new proposals**Amendment of 5.3.1.7.3 – Placards replaced by danger labels,
repetition on the carrying wagon/vehicle****Transmitted by the Government of Austria***Summary*

Explanatory summary: The Joint Meeting has interpreted 5.3.1.3, in conjunction with 5.3.1.7.3, to mean that placards must also be affixed to carrying wagons/vehicles when danger labels replacing placards are not visible from the exterior. However, the texts of the provisions themselves have been left unclear.

Decision to be taken: 5.3.1.7.3 needs an additional sentence to make it clear.

Related documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/39
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/110

Introduction

1. In document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/39, Austria pointed out that it was not clear from the provisions whether the repetition of placards on carrying wagons/vehicles prescribed in 5.3.1.3 is also necessary when, in accordance with 5.3.1.7.3, danger labels are affixed instead of placards. While the wording clearly precludes this, the taxonomy of the provisions seems to support it.

2. The Joint Meeting unanimously followed the considerations in terms of the system, but did not amend the text. A proposal from Austria to reduce the size of the placard in 5.3.1.7.3 based on the example of 5.3.1.7.4, and to dispense with the term of danger label in this context, was not adopted.
3. Austria has now taken up the Joint Meeting's invitation to submit an alternative proposal.
4. In principle, 5.3.1.3 should be worded in such a way that the special case of danger labels would also be covered. However, as it would only be possible to do this with sufficient clarity by explicit recourse to this, i.e. to 5.3.1.7.3, Austria favours a simpler addition at the end of the paragraph.

Proposal

5. **5.3.1.7.3** Add the following sentence at the end:
"If these labels are not visible from outside the carrying wagon/vehicle, placards according to 5.3.1.7.1 shall also be affixed to both sides of the wagon/to both sides and at the rear of the vehicle."

Justification

6. **Safety:** The amendment follows the Joint Meeting's interpretation, which leads to visible repetition of the marking, including in questionable cases, and thus to greater safety.
 7. **Feasibility:** No problems are expected, as the amendment creates legal certainty, while not imposing any new requirements.
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