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**Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN:
new proposals**

Marks in accordance with RID/ADR/ADN 3.4.13

Transmitted by the Government of Austria [1, 2]

Summary

Executive summary:	The mark according to 3.4.13 should be removed when it is no longer relevant.
Action to be taken:	Requirement to remove the mark in a new 3.4.16.
Reference documents:	None.

Introduction

1.   RID, ADR and ADN 3.4.13 to 3.4.15 prescribe that under certain conditions, wagons and large containers/transport units and containers carrying dangerous goods packed in limited quantities must bear marks with minimum dimensions of 250 mm x 250 mm in accordance with 3.4.7. Prohibiting the mark when it is not relevant is not referred to in the regulations.

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[1] In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2014–2015 (ECE/TRANS/240, para. 100, ECE/TRANS/2014/23, cluster 9, para.9.2).
[2] Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2015/47.

2.   For placards and orange-coloured plates that do not relate to the dangerous goods being carried or to their residues, 5.3.1.1.5 and 5.3.2.1.8 specifically require that they must be removed or covered.

3.   Austrian control bodies have increasingly noticed that the mark according to 3.4.13 is also being kept on empty transport units and containers. In an accident or incident, this could lead the emergency services to take the wrong measures.

Proposal

4.   Austria therefore proposes that the following be added to RID/ADR/ADN Chapter 3.4:

"**3.4.16**   If the mark does not relate to the dangerous goods being carried, or residues thereof, it shall be removed or covered."