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Agenda item 5 (a): Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN – Pending issues

Reduced dimensions of labels

Transmitted by the Government of Germany

Introduction

1. At the 48th session of the UN Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Geneva, 30 November – 9 December 2015), proposal ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2015/30 submitted by Germany on reduced dimensions of labels was adopted (see also paragraph 75 of document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/96).
2. The reason for this amendment was that, after the recasting of paragraph 5.2.2.2.1.1.3 in the UN Model Regulations (Rev. 18) and RID/ADR/ADN (Rev. 2015), the implementation of the requirements laid down in the second and third sentences unnecessarily results in the symbols on the scaled down labels no longer being identifiable. – They are, however, still identifiable if the label is scaled down proportionally.
3. The text adopted for Rev. 20 of the UN Model Regulations is contained in document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/96/Add.1 under the envisaged amendments in Annex II. This text will then be incorporated into RID/ADR/ADN within the framework of the harmonisation for Rev. 2019.
4. This amendment impacts on the transitional provision in sub-section 1.6.1.30. This provision refers, among other things, to scaled down labels in accordance with 5.2.2.2.1.1 (last sentence) in the 2013 version of RID/ADR/ADN and is only applicable until 31 December 2016.

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5. As the current amendment to the UN Model Regulations changes the provisions applicable to scaled down labels again and will only be incorporated into RID/ADR/ADN on 1 January 2019, the validity of this transitional provision should be extended by two years.

Proposal

6. Sub-section 1.6.1.30 should be amended to read as follows:

"1.6.1.30 Labels which meet the requirements of 5.2.2.2.1.1 applicable up to 31 December 2014, may continue to be used until 31 December 2018."
