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Interpretation of RID/ADR/ADN

Inspection of wagon/vehicle/vessel and loads by carrier

Transmitted by the Government of Austria

1. According to 1.4.2.2.1 RID/ADR/ADN the carrier has to ascertain visually that wagon/vehicle/vessel and loads have no obvious defects, leakages or cracks, missing equipment, etc.:

RID	ADR	ADN
1.4.2.2.1 In the context of 1.4.1, the carrier who takes over the dangerous goods at the point of departure shall in particular:	1.4.2.2.1 In the context of 1.4.1, where appropriate, the carrier shall in particular:	1.4.2.2.1 In the context of 1.4.1, where appropriate, the carrier shall in particular:
(c) ascertain visually that the wagons and loads have no obvious defects, leakages or cracks, missing equipment, etc.;	(c) Ascertain visually that the vehicles and loads have no obvious defects, leakages or cracks, missing equipment, etc.;	(c) ascertain visually that the vessel and loads have no obvious defects, leakages or cracks, missing equipment, etc.;

2. It is not quite clear to which extent the carrier is obliged to do so, when his employee takes over a sealed vehicle/wagon, container or swap body.

3. Austria understands that governmental seals must not be broken, but private ones are problematic. They may be helpful to assure that the vehicle etc. has not been opened during carriage and prove that the load has not changed. This will even gain importance from 1 July, when Solas Regulation VI-2 regarding verified gross mass of containers enters into force.

4. On the other hand it cannot be up to the consignor or loader to decide whether the situation (and of course he himself) is to be controlled by the carrier as provided for by law - or better not.

5. Austria would like to hear how other countries deal with this problem and if a wording of 1.4.2.2 reflecting it is deemed necessary.