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TRANSPORT OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL EXEMPTIONS FOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK

Proposal by the Government of Germany*

The secretary has received from the Central Office for International Carriage by Rail (OCTI) the proposal reproduced below.

Summary

Executive summary: The purpose of this proposal is to delete the exemptions according to

paragraph 1.1.3.1 (c) (deliveries to building or civil engineering sites) for

radioactive material of Class 7.

Action to be taken: Non-application of paragraph 1.1.3.1 (c) for the transport of radioactive

material.

Related documents: None

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Proposal

The proposal is that the exemptions in accordance with paragraph 1.1.3.1 (c) for radioactive material of Class 7 should be deleted.

In the text of ADR, it should also be indicated in paragraph 1.1.3.1 (c) that these exemptions do not apply to the transport of radioactive material. For RID, all entries relating to Class 7 should be deleted in the table in paragraph 1.1.3.1 (c) for transport categories 1 and 4.

Justification

If the radioactive material carried is below the limits of exemption established, it should be made subject to the scope of RID/ADR, unless it is excepted in accordance with paragraph 2.2.7.1.2. This should also apply to deliveries to building or civil engineering sites, or in relation to surveying, repairs or maintenance.

Another criterion for not applying (c) to the transport of radioactive material of Class 7 is the fact that the question is not one of masses (in litres or kg), but of activities, concentrations of activities and/or contamination in Bq, Bq/g or Bq/cm².
