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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

Section 5.4.2: Container packing certificate

Transmitted by the Government of Sweden

SUMMARY

Executive summary: In the IMDG Code, the requirements in 5.4.2 apply to both containers

and vehicles. To avoid misunderstanding, the text in section 5.4.2 in RID/ADR should be harmonized with the requirements in the IMDG

Code.

Action to be taken: Add the word "vehicle" in section 5.4.2 where appropriate.

Related documents: None.

Introduction

In the IMDG Code, the requirements in 5.4.2 apply to both containers and vehicles, which is clearly stated in footnote 4 in section 5.4.2 in RID/ADR.

However, in section 5.4.2 in RID/ADR only containers are mentioned, which could be misleading, and the text has been misinterpreted, which has been uncovered by Swedish enforcement bodies several times. Therefore, Sweden wishes to clarify the text in section 5.4.2 "Container packing certificate", to avoid further misreading, and to harmonize the wording with section 5.4.2 of the IMDG Code by adding the word "vehicle" in the heading and in the following text in 5.4.2.

Proposal

Amend section 5.4.2 to read as follows (new text underlined):

"5.4.2 Container/vehicle packing certificate

If the carriage of dangerous goods in a large container <u>or in a vehicle</u> precedes a voyage by sea, a container/<u>vehicle</u> packing certificate conforming to section 5.4.2 of the IMDG Code³ shall be provided with the transport document⁴.

The functions of the transport document required under 5.4.1 and of the container/vehicle packing certificate as provided above may be incorporated into a single document; if not, these documents shall be attached one to the other. If these functions are incorporated into a single document, the inclusion in the transport document of a statement that the loading of the container or vehicle has been carried out in accordance with the applicable modal regulations together with the identification of the person responsible for the container/vehicle packing certificate shall be sufficient.

NOTE: The container/<u>vehicle</u> packing certificate is not required for portable tanks, tank-containers and MEGCs."

The footnotes remain unchanged.

This amendment is in line with the requirements in the IMDG Code.