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

Toxic by inhalation

Transmitted by the Government of the United Kingdom^{1, 2}

I. Introduction

1. Reference is made to the discussions on ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2010/18 from the Netherlands within the Working Group on Tanks at the March 2010 Joint Meeting. It was agreed that the footnote proposed to be added to the table in 4.3.4.1.2 in relation to toxic by inhalation (tank codes L10CH and L15CH), should only apply to substances classified in Class 6.1 and not those in Class 3 with a 6.1 subsidiary risk. This was subsequently agreed by the Joint Meeting when the report of the Working Group was considered in plenary.

2. In checking the hazard precedence text of 2.1.3.5.3 of RID/ADR it could be interpreted that this allows substances with an LC 50 inhalation toxicity in the range of packing group I to be classified in Class 3 packing group I.

II. Proposal

3. To align with the UN Model Regulations and other modes of transport it is proposed that the beginning of 2.1.3.5.3 (h) is amended to read:

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2006-2010 (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1, programme activity 02.7 (c)).

² Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2010/52.

“(h) Substances of Class 6.1 meeting the inhalation toxicity criteria of packing group I”.

4. The text that follows in parenthesis which equates to footnote 3 of paragraph 2.0.3.1(g) in the UN Model Regulations remains unchanged.

III. Justification

5. This will provide harmonization with the UN Model Regulations and other modes of transport.
