



Unece secretariat  
ADR Contracting Parties

## **Multilateral Agreement M353 on carriage of explosive substances and articles belonging to the Armed Forces and set to be destroyed**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Please find the enclosed Multilateral Agreement M353 concerning carriage of explosive substances and articles belonging to the Armed Forces and set to be destroyed, carried in accordance with sub-section 1.6.1.3. Agreement M353 replaces Agreement M313 which will expire the 15 June 2023.

The Armed Forces has a number of explosive substances and articles which have to be destroyed. Some of these explosives are destroyed in countries which are contracting parties to ADR.

Old packagings containing military explosives are often numerous. Each individual package is not marked and labelled in accordance with ADR, but only marked with military descriptions. The process of labelling and marking each package are time consuming and costly. To overcome this problem, the packagings transported in accordance with 1.6.1.3 in ADR are placed on pallets and transported as an overpack. They are marked and labelled in accordance with 5.1.2.1 in ADR. However, the provisions in 5.2.1.1 and 5.2.2.1 are not met.

The Swedish Civil Contingency Agency requests an exemption from the provisions which require labelling and marking of each package. This exemption already exists in RID in 5.2.1.5, 5.2.2.1.8 and 5.3.1.1.2.

Safety is not jeopardized by making this exemption/This exemption will not cause any negative effects on the safety of the transport.

If you agree to the terms of the enclosed agreement, please countersign and return it to us. Please also send a countersigned copy to the secretariat at the UNECE in Geneva.

**MSB Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency**