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# Dangerous goods transport document: 5.4.1.1.3.1 Special provisions for wastes, addition of technical names

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## I. Introduction

1. According to RID/ADR 3.1.2.8.1 generic and "not otherwise specified" proper shipping names that are assigned to special provision 274 in Column (6) of Table A in Chapter 3.2 shall be supplemented with the technical name of the goods. Technical names shall be entered in brackets immediately following the proper shipping name.

Additionally, for wastes, the word WASTE shall be added in accordance with 5.4.1.1.3.1.

For example: "UN 1993 WASTE FLAMMABLE LIQUID, N.O.S. (toluene and ethyl alcohol), 3, II (ADR:), (D/E)".

2. However, the last sentence of 5.4.1.1.3.1, as it is a separate paragraph in the text, gives the impression that the technical name need not be added for wastes.

The last paragraph reads: "The technical name, as prescribed in Chapter 3.3, special provision 274, need not be added for wastes."

3. But in fact, the last sentence was added in connection to the previous paragraph: The intent was to give exemption only for waste with unknown composition classified in accordance with 2.1.3.5.5.

This last sentence was introduced in RID/ADR 2009 and the corresponding amendment was adopted by the Joint Meeting at its March 2007 session (see report ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/106 and its Add.2) based on informal document INF.21 (report of the informal working group on the carriage of dangerous wastes).

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<sup>\*</sup> A/78/6 (Sect.20), table 20.5.

#### **II.** Proposal

4. Since the last sentence of 5.4.1.1.3.1 is intended to exempt only wastes with unknown composition, add at the beginning of last sentence:

"If the provision for waste as set out in 2.1.3.5.5 is applied, ".

5. RID/ADR 5.4.1.1.3.1 would read (new text is <u>underlined</u>):

"If waste containing dangerous goods (other than radioactive wastes) is being carried, the proper shipping name shall be preceded by the word "WASTE", unless this term is part of the proper shipping name, e.g.:

"UN 1230 WASTE METHANOL, 3 (6.1), II (ADR:), (D/E)", or

"UN 1230 WASTE METHANOL, 3 (6.1), PG II (ADR:), (D/E)", or

"UN 1993 WASTE FLAMMABLE LIQUID, N.O.S. (toluene and ethyl alcohol), 3, II (ADR:), (D/E)", or

"UN 1993 WASTE FLAMMABLE LIQUID, N.O.S. (toluene and ethyl alcohol), 3, PG II (ADR:), (D/E)".

If the provision for waste as set out in 2.1.3.5.5 is applied, the following shall be added to the dangerous goods description required in 5.4.1.1.1 (a) to (d) (ADR:) and (k):

"WASTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2.1.3.5.5" (e.g. "UN 3264, CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S., 8, II (ADR:), (E), WASTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2.1.3.5.5").

<u>If the provision for waste as set out in 2.1.3.5.5 is applied, the technical name, as prescribed in Chapter 3.3, special provision 274, need not be added.</u>"

### **III.** Justification

6. The aim of this document is to reflect the objective of the March 2007 decision and to clarify the application of the provision in 5.4.1.1.3.1.