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Miscellaneous proposals

Transport documents to be carried on the transport unit

Transmitted by the Government of the Netherlands*

Introduction

1. It often appears that during roadside checks in the Netherlands the transport documents in the transport unit are not readily accessible to a member of the vehicle crew or to inspectors who are performing the roadside checks.
2. These transport documents, as prescribed in 5.4.1, are often attached to the packagings of the dangerous goods carried in the load compartment of the transport unit. Getting access to these transport documents requires that most of the packagings are partially unloaded from the load compartment of the transport unit.
3. Because these documents are carried in the transport unit, this complies with 8.1.2. However, this course of action is not desirable because it leads to long and inefficient checks, delays in the transport chain and may provide unsafe operations during the unloading and loading of these packagings.
4. Also, in case of an incident or accident it is important that the information on the transport documents becomes immediately available for emergency response, which will not be the case if this important information is not readily accessible to these emergency responders.
5. To avoid the above-mentioned practical problems and to improve the previously mentioned way of working, it is preferable that all the documents should be readily available in the driver's cab.

Proposal

6. Amend the heading of 8.1.2 of ADR to read (new wording is underlined):

* A/77/6 (Sect. 20), table 20.



8.1.2 Documents to be carried in the driver's cab on the transport unit

Justification

7. The aim of this proposal is to improve the accessibility of documents in the transport unit to all persons involved during transport, roadside checks and emergency response. It also facilitates safe transport and is within the scope of United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11 (Sustainable Transport).
