

ADR / RID 2009 Update on the instructions in writing



Dear Customers

On the 1st of January 2009, and for a transitional period of 6 months, the ADR/RID 2007/2009 legislations will overlap each other.

An important chapter of the ADR 2009 concerns the introduction of the new Instructions in writing designed in a new layout (4 pages) and compiled in one single document. This document includes the following information:

- Indications on the danger properties of dangerous goods per classes;
- Information regarding the measures in case of accident or incident;
- Information regarding the equipment for the personal and general protection for general urgency measures or particular risks to be kept on board of the vehicle according to ADR 8.1.5.

The Instructions in writing ought to be supplied in the language the driver and the driving crew, who take delivery of the dangerous goods, can read and understand.

This new rule in the ADR/RID 2009 has been discussed within the UIRR (International Union of combined Road-Rail transport companies). The UIRR has analyzed this subject in details with different partners and has decided to introduce the following procedure:

The intermodal operators will accept the two different versions of the Instructions. For transportation according to ADR/RID 2007, the Instructions in writing in compliance with the ADR 2007 must be attached to the CMR or to the documents for the transport of dangerous goods.
From 1st July 2009 the Instructions in writing will no longer be in force.

In case of changeover to ADR 2009, from 1st January 2009, the drivers must be provided with the Instructions in writing in compliance with the conditions described at paragraphs 5.4.3 and 8.1 of ADR.
It is the responsibility of the haulier to consign to the driver the Instructions in writing 2009.

The intermodal operators will no longer hand over the Instructions in writing to the drivers.

On the other hand, controls could be foreseen at the exit of the terminals to verify the presence of these documents in the cabin.

As from 1st July 2009 the intermodal operators will not accept these instructions in writing anymore for the transportation of dangerous goods.

The Commercial Management as well as the persons in charge for dangerous goods remain at your disposal for further questions or remarks.

Kindest regards,

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