

**Memorandum of Understanding for the Transport of Packaged Dangerous Goods on Ro-Ro Ships in
the Baltic Sea**

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In general, the transport of dangerous goods by sea shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of SOLAS and of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code). This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) lays down the exemptions (*Annex 1*) based on the MSC Circ. 1075, when transporting dangerous goods covered by the Regulations Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID) or Annexes A and B of the European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) on board ro-ro ships in the Baltic Sea. The IMDG Code shall be the basis for all transport operations.

The following has been agreed between the participating countries

- 1) This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) shall come into force not later than 1 January, 2005. It shall replace the Memorandum of Understanding revised at the MoU Conference in Riga 18 - 20 June 2002 and Stockholm 17 – 19 June 2003.
- 2) The competent authorities in charge of checks in ports should arrange for a representative proportion of checks to be conducted on consignments.
- 3) Amendments to this MoU shall be made in accordance with the procedures in Annex 2.
- 4) This MoU is valid until revoked by the member states.

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Section 1 Application

- (1) By derogation from the provisions of the IMDG Code, these provisions may be applied on all ro-ro ships operating within the Baltic Sea proper, the Gulf of Bothnia, the Gulf of Finland and the entrance to the Baltic Sea bounded in the north by the line Skaw-Lysekil provided that the requirements following below are met.
- (2) Ro-ro ships having been issued with a Document of Compliance in accordance with Section 8 below may carry, at the same time, cargo transport units (CTUs) which either fulfil the requirements of RID/ADR or of the IMDG Code.
- (3) Dangerous goods, which either fulfil the requirements of the IMDG Code or RID or ADR may be loaded together in the same CTU (see Section 4).

Section 2 Definitions

- (1) The terms used in this MoU refer to the IMDG Code except those listed below in this section
- (2) Shipowner means company as defined in the ISM Code.
- (3) On-deck stowage means stowage on the weather deck.
- (4) Under-deck stowage means stowage in a cargo space; in an open ro-ro cargo space, unless it is considered by a competent authority to be a weather deck; and/or in a closed ro-ro cargo space, as appropriate.
- (5) Low Wave Height Area (LWHA) is a sea area where according to the Agreement concerning specific stability requirements for ro-ro passenger ships undertaking regular scheduled international voyages between or to or from designated ports in North West Europe and the Baltic Sea, 28 February 1996 (Stockholm Agreement), set into effect on 1 April 1997, the significant wave height does not exceed 2.3 metres more than 10 % of the year (see Appendix 1 of Annex 1). Traffic in other areas can be considered as LWHA traffic by the competent authorities concerned if equivalent safety can be assured.
- (6) The competent authorities in accordance with these provisions are:

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Section 3

Transport of dangerous goods

(1) Dangerous goods that are classified, packaged, marked, labelled, documented and loaded together on or in a CTU or unit load in accordance with the requirements of RID, ADR or the IMDG Code may be transported in accordance with the provisions of this MoU.

(2) The application of packing instruction R001 or section 4.1.4 of ADR or RID is allowed only for the traffic in LWHA.

(3) Tanks shall either comply with chapter 4.2 ADR/RID/IMDG Code, as amended, or comply with chapter 4.3 ADR/RID, as amended. Tanks with open venting devices should not be permitted for transport on board of ro-ro ships.

(4) Bulk containers shall comply with chapter 7.3 ADR, as amended, or 4.3 of the IMDG Code, as amended.

Section 4

Loading and placarding of CTUs

(1) Packages (packagings, large packagings or IBCs) containing dangerous goods shall be segregated from each other within CTUs in accordance with the provisions of the IMDG Code. For traffic in LWHA packages with segregation categories 1 and 2 of table 7.2.1.16 of the IMDG Code may be loaded together in the same CTU. Paragraph 7.5.2.2 Note a of RID/ADR may be used for traffic in LWHA.

(2) Substances and articles assigned to class 1 or bearing a label of class 1 as subsidiary risk, shall be loaded and segregated in accordance with ADR/RID or the IMDG Code.

(3) Placarding and marking of CTUs containing dangerous goods shall be in accordance with the provisions of the IMDG Code or RID/ADR, see Section 5.
CTUs containing Marine Pollutants have to be marked according to the IMDG Code, if they are not marked according to section 5.3.6 of RID/ADR.

Section 5 Transport of CTUs

CTUs containing dangerous goods may be carried on ro-ro ships in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) A container/vehicle packing certificate (CTU packing certificate) shall be issued for each CTU containing dangerous goods. The model CTU packing certificate shall comply with the IMO/ILO/UN ECE Guidelines¹ for packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTUs) referred to in Section 9 (2). For mixed loading for traffic in LWHA, the packing certificate shall state that any prohibition of mixed loading as specified in Section 4 (1) sentence 2, has been complied with. In that case the following has to be stated in the packing certificate: "Packed together according to the MoU".

(2) When dangerous goods are transported in accordance with chapter 3.4 and/or 3.5 of RID or ADR the consignor or his representative shall provide the master with the following information: "Dangerous goods in limited and/or in excepted quantities of class(es) ...".

When dangerous goods are transported in accordance with paragraphs 1.1.3.1 (b) – (f) or 1.1.3.2 (a) – (c) or (e) or 1.1.3.4.1 of RID /ADR, unless exempted by the IMDG Code, the consignor or his representative shall inform the master that these paragraphs are used.

(3) CTUs as referred to in 1.1.3.4.2 RID/ADR and 1.1.3.6 ADR shall display on two opposite sides a neutral orange-coloured plate from the time they are loaded on, until the time they are unloaded from a ro-ro ship, unless they are marked according to chapter 3.4 RID/ADR. The responsibility for fitting such plates shall rest with the person actually placing the CTU ready for loading on board the ro-ro ship.

(4) When the placarding and marking of trailers without a motor vehicle is not in accordance with the provisions of the IMDG Code, the trailers shall display, on two opposite sides a neutral orange-coloured plate, from the time they are loaded on, until the time they are unloaded from a ro-ro ship. The responsibility for fitting such plates shall rest with the person actually placing the trailer ready for loading on board the ro-ro ship.

(5) Orange-coloured plates mentioned in 5 (3) and 5 (4) means plates conforming to RID/ADR 5.3.2. Additional plates required only in the MoU shall be clearly visible and conform to RID/ADR 5.3.2.2.1 regarding size and colour. These plates may be replaced by self-adhesive sheets, by paint or by any other equivalent process.

Section 6 Stowage and segregation between CTUs

(1) Segregation between CTUs shall be in accordance with the provisions of the IMDG Code, except that for LWHA traffic no separation is required for segregation categories 1 and 2 in table 7.2.4.2 of the IMDG Code.

(2) Stowage and segregation of class 1 shall be in accordance with the IMDG Code and the Document of Compliance (SOLAS 1974, II-2/19).

¹ See IMDG Code, 5.4.2 and Supplement, 4.4.2.

(3) The following table shall apply to the stowage of CTU containing dangerous goods:

Stowage table for CTUs containing packaged dangerous goods of classes 2 to 9

Note: Stowage shall also be in accordance with the Document of Compliance (SOLAS 1974, II-2/19) or the Letter of Compliance referred to in Section 8 of the MoU.

Description and class as specified in IMDG Code/RID/ADR		Cargo ships or passenger ships carrying either not more than 25 passengers or 1 passenger per 3 metres of length ^{*)}		Other passenger ships	
		On deck	Under deck	On deck	Under deck
Gases	2				
-flammable gases.	2.1	Permitted	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
-non-flammable non-toxic gases.	2.2	Permitted	Permitted ³⁾	Permitted ³⁾	Permitted ³⁾
-toxic gases	2.3	Permitted	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Flammable liquids	3				
- packing group I or II		Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Prohibited
- packing group III		Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Flammable solids	4.1 ²⁾				
- UN No.1944, 1945, 2254, 2623		Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
- other UN numbers		Permitted	Prohibited	Permitted	Prohibited
Substances liable to spontaneous combustion	4.2	Permitted	Prohibited	Permitted	Prohibited
Substances which give off flammable gases in contact with water	4.3	Permitted ¹⁾	Prohibited	Permitted ¹⁾	Prohibited
Oxidizing substances	5.1	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Prohibited
Organic peroxides	5.2 ²⁾	Permitted	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Toxic substances	6.1				
- packing group I or II		Permitted	Prohibited	Permitted	Prohibited
- packing group III		Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Infectious substances	6.2	Permitted	Permitted	Prohibited	Prohibited
Radioactive material	7	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Corrosive substances	8				
- packing group I or II		Permitted	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
- liquids packing group III		Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Prohibited
- solids packing group III		Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles	9	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted

1) The carriage of Aluminium ferrosilicon powder of UN number 1395, Aluminium silicon powder, uncoated of UN number 1398, Calcium silicide of UN number 1405 and Ferrosilicon of UN number 1408 when transported in bulk packagings, in containers, road vehicles or rail wagons, tank containers or demountable tanks is allowed only when accompanied by a certificate stating that the material was stored under cover, but in the open air, and that the particle size is representative of the material stored.

2) For the stowage of these substances, chapter 7.7 of the IMDG Code shall be complied with in addition to the provisions of ADR.

3) Refrigerated gases of ADR or of stowage category "D" of the IMDG Code are prohibited.

*) The total number of passengers shall not be more than 1 person per 1 metre of the length of the ship.

Notes pertaining to this table:

A: If the stowage of dangerous goods is prohibited according to this table for one item contained in a CTU loaded with mixed dangerous goods, this prohibition applies to the whole unit within that compartment.

B: Substances assigned to special provision SP 900 of the IMDG Code are prohibited.

C: If the stowage of dangerous goods is prohibited according to or not covered by this table, but is permitted under the provisions of the IMDG Code, the stowage requirements of the IMDG Code may be applied instead.

Section 7 Additional duties for the consignors

- (1) The consignor shall ensure that, in addition to the information required by the provisions of RID/ADR, the dangerous goods are identified within the documentation as „MARINE POLLUTANT“, if applicable.
- (2) If liquid dangerous goods to be transported having a flashpoint of 60°C or below (closed cup (c.c.)), the flashpoint range in accordance with the relevant packing group may be indicated.

Section 8 Requirements applicable to ships

- (1) Ships shall, with regard to design and equipment, fulfil the requirements of regulation II-2/54 of SOLAS 74, as amended. For ships constructed on or after 1 July 2002 regulation II-2/19 SOLAS 74, as amended, shall be applicable. The Document of Compliance shall include information specifying the classes of dangerous goods, which may be stowed in the individual cargo spaces of the ship.
- (2) Ships constructed before 1 September 1984 already provided with a letter of compliance may continue to transport dangerous goods in accordance with the requirements applicable at the time, when the letter of compliance was issued. However, these ships shall comply with the requirements of chapter 7.4 of the IMDG Code.
- (3) A Letter of Compliance issued in accordance with the MoU is considered to be equivalent as being specified in 7.4.5.7 of the IMDG Code.

Section 9 Additional requirements

- (1) During the voyage, CTUs containing dangerous goods shall be secured in compliance with the Cargo Securing Manual approved by the Administration. As far as practicable, IMO Resolution A.581(14) of 20 November 1985 shall be observed. CTUs without facilities for lashing may not be offered for transport under the provisions of this MoU.
- (2) The IMO/ILO/UN ECE Guidelines for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTUs) shall be observed for all cargo transport units.
- (3) Ro-ro vessels shall have on board current versions of:
 - a) the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code);
 - b) the Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods (EmS);
 - c) the Medical First Aid Guide for Use in Accidents Involving Dangerous Goods (MFAG);
 - d) the applicable Regulations Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID) or Annexes A and B of the European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), as appropriate to the mode of transport.
- (4) Shipowners shall ensure that the persons they appoint and who are involved in the transport of CTUs under the provisions of the present MoU are made familiar, through repeated training, with the application of the relevant provisions, in particular, with those of ADR or RID. They shall ensure that the persons involved will be issued with a certificate stating that they have been trained and informed accordingly.
- (5) The competent authorities concerned may grant exemptions for a period of not more than 1 year, provided an equivalent level of safety is maintained. The MoU member states shall be notified of such exemptions.
- (6) The competent authorities as listed in Section 2 above should arrange for a representative proportion of checks to be conducted on consignments using a checklist (Appendix 2).

(7) The number and results of checks shall be presented at the MoU meetings and circulated to the competent authorities concerned.

Section 10 Transitional Regulations

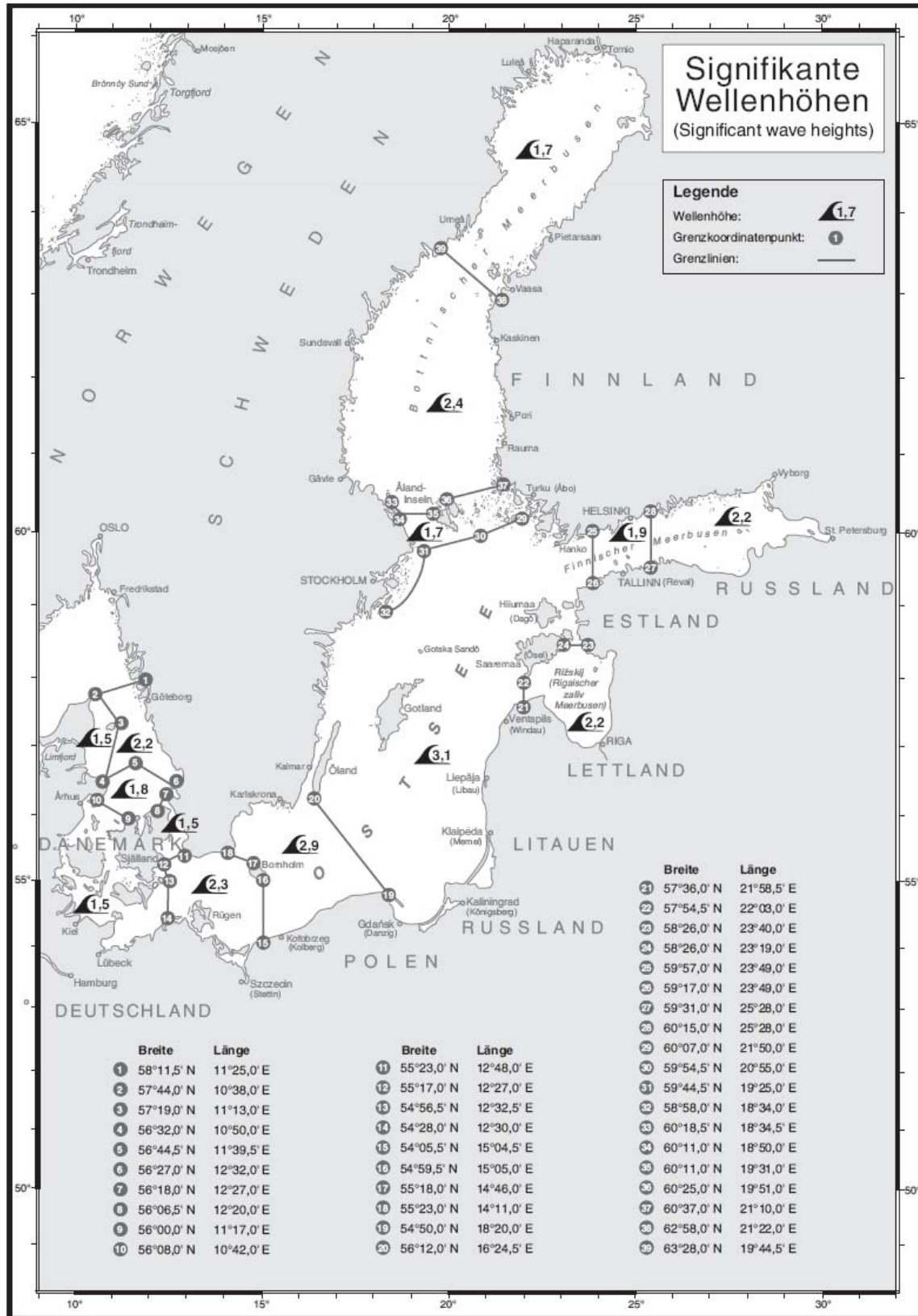
On board cargo ships and passenger ships carrying not more than 1 passenger per 1 meter length of the ship, CTUs may be stowed under deck by using the approval of the competent authority having granted such a stowage until 31 December 2002. Segregation of the CTUs in this deck must be performed in compliance with the requirements in the IMDG Code, section 7.2.4.2 (Table of segregation of cargo units on board ro-ro ships).

Section 11 Entry into force

(1) This amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force not later than 1 January 2010.

(2) The German and English versions of this amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding shall be equally authoritative.

Appendix 1 of Annex 1 of the MoU



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Appendix 2 of Annex 1 of the MoU

Part 1 to 4:

- (1) Competent authorities
- (2) Checklist for (MoU) dangerous goods transport
- (3) Checklist for deficiency (MoU) dangerous goods transport
- (4) Report of competent authorities

Appendix 2 of the MoU

Guidelines for joint checks according to section 9 (6) in the Memorandum of Understanding for the transport of dangerous goods in ro-ro ships in the Baltic Sea (MoU)

1. Purpose

To ensure safe international transport of dangerous goods in connection with ro-ro transport, and to coordinate joint checks carried out in ports within the area covered by the MoU.

2. Application/Scope

- 2.1 This guideline is applicable to the participating countries' competent authorities (listed in Part (1) performing joint checks on transport of dangerous goods.
- 2.2 Joint checks on dangerous goods should be performed in accordance with the checklist for road transport (Part 2) under the provisions of Directive 95/50/EC as amended by Directive 2004/112/EC or with the checklist for transport of dangerous goods in ro-ro ships in the Baltic (Part 3).

3. Definitions

- 3.1 Joint checks are checks, which are agreed upon by the member states with connecting ship routes. Joint checks concern export and import traffic.
- 3.2 Competent authority: any national authority related to check of dangerous goods.

4. Procedures of joint checks

- 4.1 Each member state should perform four joint checks annually.
- 4.2 Member states should exchange plans for joint checks annually on December 1st at the latest. Plans should be submitted between member states with connecting ship routes and the authorities should agree to a mutual timetable for joint checks for one year at a time.
- 4.3 The execution of the joint checks should be coordinated between the competent authorities of member States with connecting ship routes.
- 4.4 Joint checks should, in general, be unannounced.
- 4.5 Joint checks should be performed on basis of checklists for road transport and/or sea transport. (Part 2/3)
- 4.6. Coordination should ensure that the same transport unit is only checked by one competent authority on any joint check.
- 4.7 Competent authorities within the MoU can participate in joint checks as observers in any check performed by other Member States.
- 4.8 At the end of each joint check, the competent authority submits a report containing information as stipulated in Part 4, which is in accordance with the MSC/Circ. 859, to the responsible Administration appointed by MoU conference.
- 4.9 The responsible administration submits an annual report of the joint checks to the MoU conference and IMO, on behalf of the member states.
- 4.10 The report should be evaluated at the MoU conference and action should be taken as appropriate.

5. Others

- 5.1 Member states, which do not follow this guideline, have to secure a safe international transport of dangerous goods on equivalent base. They inform the responsible administration (4.8) about their activities.
- 5.2 Joint checks should be performed in accordance with the requirements of Chapter XI-2 of SOLAS in conjunction with the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code.

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CHECKLIST FOR INSPECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MOU

2. Date

3. Time

1	Place of check				1.1 Terminal	1.3 Company						
					1.2 Harbour		1.4 System					
4	Vehi- cle	4.1 Nationality	4.2 Reg.number	5 trailer/semi- trailer/ container	5.1 Nationality	1.5 Road						
					5.2 Reg.number.							
6	Carrier/address											
7	Driver			Driver's assistant								
	Address			Address								
8 ¹	Consignor			Place of loading								
	Address											
9 ¹	consignee			Place of discharge								
	Address											
10	Total quantity of dangerous good per transport unit kg											
11	ADR 1.1.3.6 quantity limit exceeded <input type="checkbox"/> 11.1 yes <input type="checkbox"/> 11.2 no											
12	Transport with <input type="checkbox"/> 12.1 Tank <input type="checkbox"/> 12.2 Bulk <input type="checkbox"/> 12.3 Package <input type="checkbox"/> 12.2 Other											
	Transport in accordance <input type="checkbox"/> 12.9 ADR <input type="checkbox"/> 12.10 <input type="checkbox"/> 12.11 IMDG Code <input type="checkbox"/> 12.12 ICAO-TI <input type="checkbox"/> 12.13 RID <input type="checkbox"/> 12.14 <input type="checkbox"/> 12.15 MoU <input type="checkbox"/> 12.16 Other											
		*A) Checked B) Not in acc. with the rules C) NA			*A)	*B)	*C)	Risk- category				Note
Documents on board	13	13.1 DGD		13.2 Stowage plan								
	14	Instructions in writing										
	15	Bilateral		Multilateral		Nat.Auth						
	16	Cert. of app. for vehicle 16.1 vehicle										
17	17.1 Driver's training certificate (ADR 8.2.1, 8.2.2)											
	17.2 Other ADR-training											
Transport operation	18	Cargo authorized for transport										
	19	Vehicle authorized for the transported cargo										
	20	Provisions related to the mode of transport (bulk, package, tank)										
	21	Prohibition of mixed loading										
	22	22.1 Handling ²										
		22.2 Loading/stowage ²										
		22.3 Cargo securing ²										
	23	23.1 Leakage ²										
		23.2 Damage to package/vehicle ²										
	24	UN-packaging marking/tank marking (ADR 6)										
25	25.1 Package marking (5.2.1)											
	25.2 Package labelling (5.2.2)											
26	Tank/vehicle placarding											
27	Marking of cargo transport units (5.3.2, 5.3.3, 5.5)											
Equipment on board	28	General purpose safety equipment (ADR 8.1.5 a))		28.1 Scotch		28.2 Warning equipment		28.3 Warning vest		28.4 Handlamp(s)		
		29 Equipment acc. to the goods carried (ADR 8.1.5 (c))										
		30 Other equipment specified in the written instruct. (ADR 8.1.5.c))										
		31	Fire extinguisher		31.1 Type A (ADR 8.1.4.1a)/8.1.4.2)		31.2 Type B (ADR 8.1.4.1b), c)					
40 Remarks												
39	The most serious risk category of established infringements				<input type="checkbox"/> cat. I	<input type="checkbox"/> cat. II	<input type="checkbox"/> cat. III					
41	Authority/officer having carried out the inspection (sign)				Clarification of signature							

¹ To be filled only if relevant for an infringement

² Check of visible violation

Report of the joint controls 200X

Date:

Submitted:

	Country of origin of CTU's									Total
	D	Dk	Est	Fin	Lv	Lt	Pol	Se	Other	
1 Number of CTUs examined (with DG)										
2 Number of CTUs with deficiencies total										
3 in particular (Position in checklist)										
3.1 Placarding and marking (Pos. 26 and 27)										
3.2 Labelling (of packages) (Pos. 25)										
3.3 Documentation (Pos. 13)										
3.4 Packaging (inappropriate or damaged) (Pos. 23)										
3.5 Portable tank or road tank vehicles (Pos. 20 and 24)										
3.6 Stowage/securing inside CTUs (Pos 22)										
3.7 Segregation of cargo (Pos. 21)										
3.8 Container Safety Convention (CSC) Safety Approval Plate (Pos. 40)										
3.9 Tie down attachments of road vehicle (Pos. 40)										
3.10 Other										

Principles for amending the Memorandum

- 1) The MoU may be amended at a conference. The conference should be scheduled so that amendments to the international transport regulations (ADR, RID and the IMDG Code) can be taken into account.
- 2) The conference should be organized by one of the member states.
- 3) Each member state or observer state/organisation may propose amendments to the MoU. The member states should agree on the amendments by consensus.
- 4) Proposals should be sent to the country hosting the conference at least 3 months before the conference takes place. The hosting country should distribute the proposals to all member countries and observer states/organizations at least 1 month before the conference. All member countries and observer states/organizations shall have the opportunity to respond to the documents presented within a period of two weeks after the distribution. Preferably, this distribution should be done by e-mail.
- 5) Working groups for special issues may be arranged in the time between the conferences. The reports or proposals from such working groups should be presented at the conference in the same way as other proposals. Working groups may also take place during a conference, this should, if possible, be notified in advance.
- 6) Amendments that have been agreed upon should come into force six months after the new text is available.
- 7) The whole MoU text, including the amendments, should be reproduced when a new version comes into force. The amended parts of the text should be indicated in the margin.
- 8) If there is a need for a prompt change of the MoU between two conferences, this can be done by circulating the proposed amended text for signing by all member states. The country hosting the latest conference should be responsible for circulating the amendment. The MoU can then be changed at a certain date on condition that there is consensus among the countries.