

Electronic Transport Documents for Dangerous Goods – From National Solutions to EU-wide Interoperability



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Overview

- ▶ History of eDGTI and legal status
- ▶ Concept of eDGTI and the GBK Trusted Partner TP1/TP2 solution
- ▶ Concept of electronic freight transport information (eFTI)
- ▶ Challenges in the introduction of eFTI



- 2007** The informal [telematics working group](#) was mandated by the [Joint Meeting \(UNECE WP.15/AC1\)](#) with the aim of developing the use of telematics for the transport of dangerous goods
- 2012** Dangerous goods data model (eDGTI)
- 2013** Architecture for the exchange of the electronic transport document
- 2019** Guidelines for the application of RID/ADR/ADN 5.4.0.2 (electronic dangerous goods transport document)
The Joint Meeting adopts the guide, which can now be applied
Publication of the guide on the UNECE and [OTIF](#) websites http://otif.org/de/?page_id=1103
http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adr/adr_guidelines.html
In Germany: Publication of the guidelines for the application of subsection 5.4.0.2 ADT/RID/ADN in the „Verkehrsblatt (2021)“ → Application of the electronic dangerous goods transport document possible in Germany
- 2020** Regulation (EU) 2020/1056 on electronic freight transport information

Legal status Guideline

► 5.4.0.2 RID/ADR/ADN ...

- allows electronic data exchange, provided that the procedure fulfils the legal requirements with regard to probative value and availability during transport at least equivalent to the procedure with written documents ("equivalence")

► The guidelines ...

- defines necessary elements of data communication to achieve equivalence - communication architecture, web services, interfaces (collectively referred to as eDGTI)
- is aimed at RID/ADR/ADN states - the states decide on applicability

Guidelines for the use of RID/ADR/ADN 5.4.0.2

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Introduction

1. RID/ADR/ADN 5.4.0.2 allows the use of electronic data exchange to satisfy the documentation requirements of Chapter 5.4, provided the procedure for capturing, storing and processing the data meet the legal requirements as regards evidential value and availability during transport in a manner at least equivalent to that of paper documentation.
2. However, RID/ADR/ADN does not further define this equivalence. In order to satisfy the goal of ensuring the availability of data, security and evidential value, web services, interfaces and a communication architecture supporting data communication must be implemented.
3. These guidelines are based on the outcome of the working group on telematics as approved by the Joint Meeting, but not all ADR and/or ADN Contracting Parties and/or RID Contracting States have implemented these guidelines yet. ADR and/or ADN Contracting Parties and/or RID Contracting States willing to use these guidelines may do so on a voluntary basis. However, once committed to using them, a Contracting Party/Contracting State must be consistent and use them in their entirety.

Section 1 – Scope and definitions

4. The provisions of RID/ADR/ADN 5.4.0.2 are deemed to be fulfilled under the conditions laid down in the annexes. For the purpose of these guidelines, an electronic transport document is electronic documentation of the information required in the transport document in accordance with section 5.4.1 of RID/ADR/ADN.
5. ADR and/or ADN Contracting Parties and/or RID Contracting States using these Guidelines are hereinafter referred to as "participants".
6. The participants agree that the model and system architecture outlined in Annex A and in technical documents are the one that they will use.
7. Whereas:
 - (a) The system architecture outlined in Annex A is based on the concept of 2 types of service providing systems called trusted parties TP1 and TP2. The model envisages a number of TP1s and TP2s;
 - (b) TP2 holds the data required in accordance with section 5.4.1 of RID/ADR/ADN. A TP2 may be operated by a carrier or operated by a third party service provider for a carrier;
 - (c) TP1 provides services for sharing these data from TP2 with authorities and emergency services upon request.



Guidelines for the
use of RID/ADR/ADN
5.4.0.2

Legal status

Announcement in the „Verkehrsblatt“ (official transport journal)

► Publication in the Verkehrsblatt causes applicability in Germany

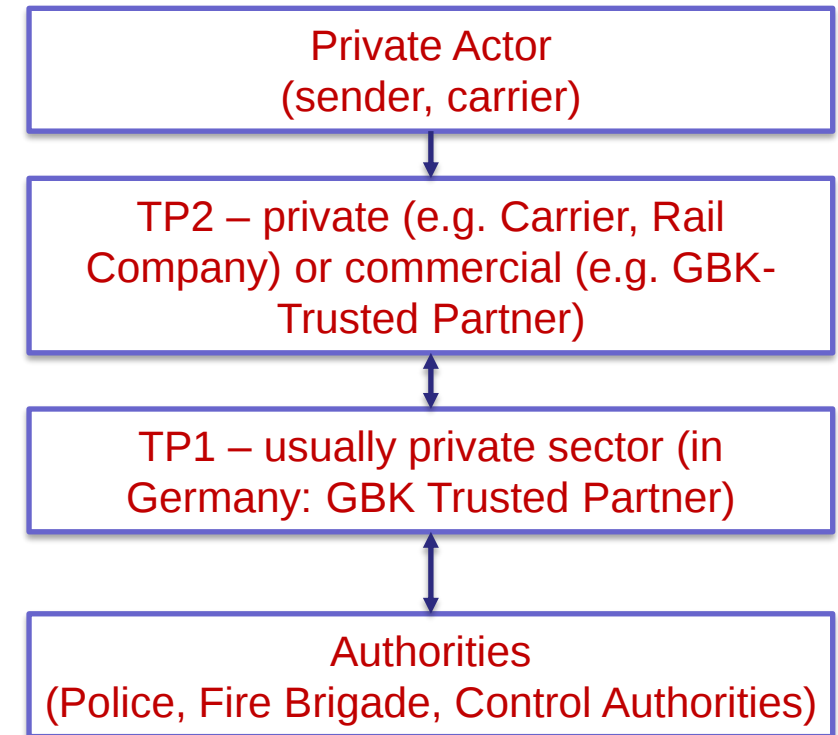
- Companies can use an electronic transport document if they provide it in accordance with the guidelines
- Authorities and emergency services must accept an electronic dangerous goods document provided in accordance with the guidelines
- Status until further notice: "Transitional phase" in accordance with Annex A point 4 of the guidelines: Information required on board on data terminal equipment - this must be accepted
- "Transition phase" = time until all authorities and emergency services are connected to the TP1/TP2 system - new guidelines will then also be required





Concept of eDGTI: Basic principle

- Shipper/carrier places transport document data in the defined DGTINA .xml format on their TP2 server
- TP2 server delivers data about events (login/logout) to TP1
- In the event of an incident (control, accident), authorized control authorities (in Germany e.g. BALM, EBA, police) and emergency services (public fire brigade) can query the data record stored at TP1 using the identification number of the respective transport unit
- In Road Traffic, vehicles that travel electronically must be marked accordingly



The electronic (digital) transport document: Three options



Private actors have three options for implementing the requirements of the guideline:

- Provide the dangerous goods data in the correct format and be TP2 themselves
- Provide the dangerous goods data in the correct format but delegate the TP2 role
- Provide dangerous goods data, let a provider convert to correct format and be TP2

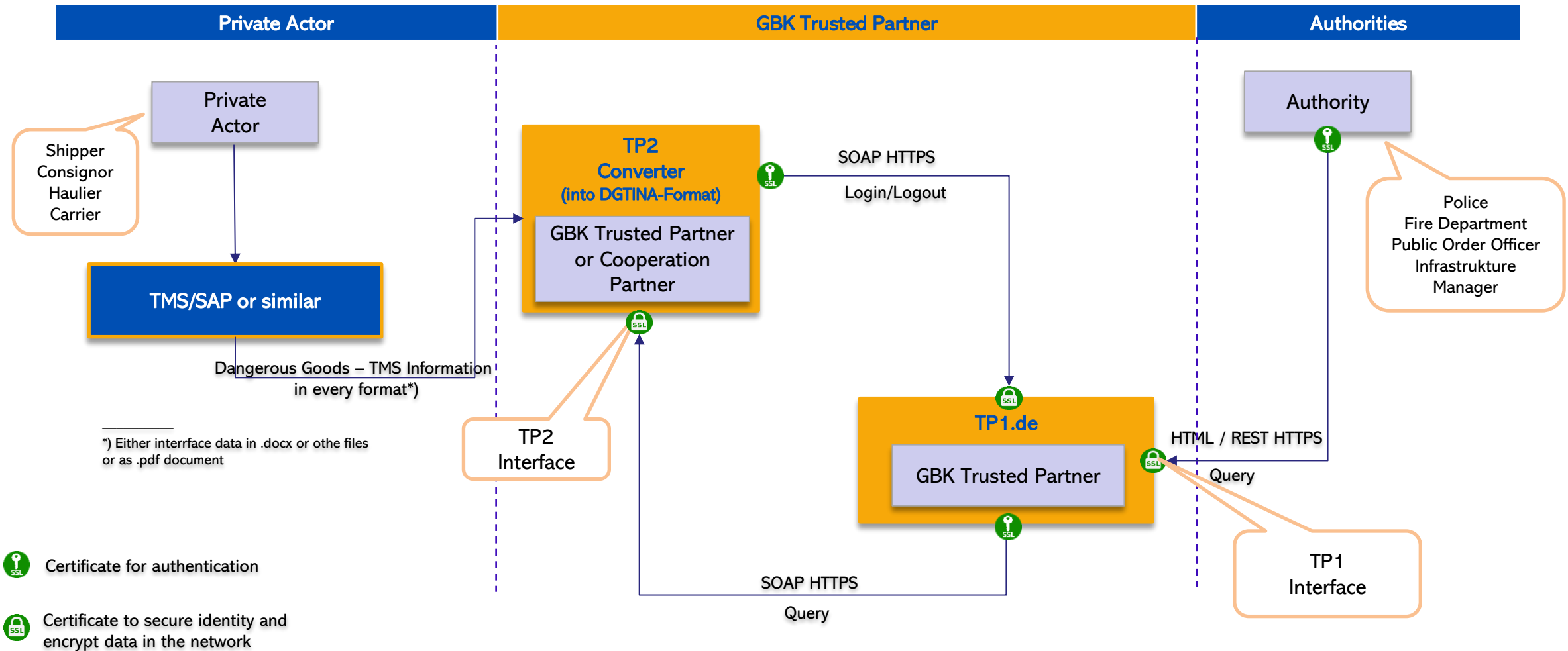
GBK Trusted Partner offers three modules for this purpose:

- Exclusively functions as TP1
- TP2 as a service (without data conversion) and functions as TP1
- TP2 as a service (with data conversion) and functions as TP1

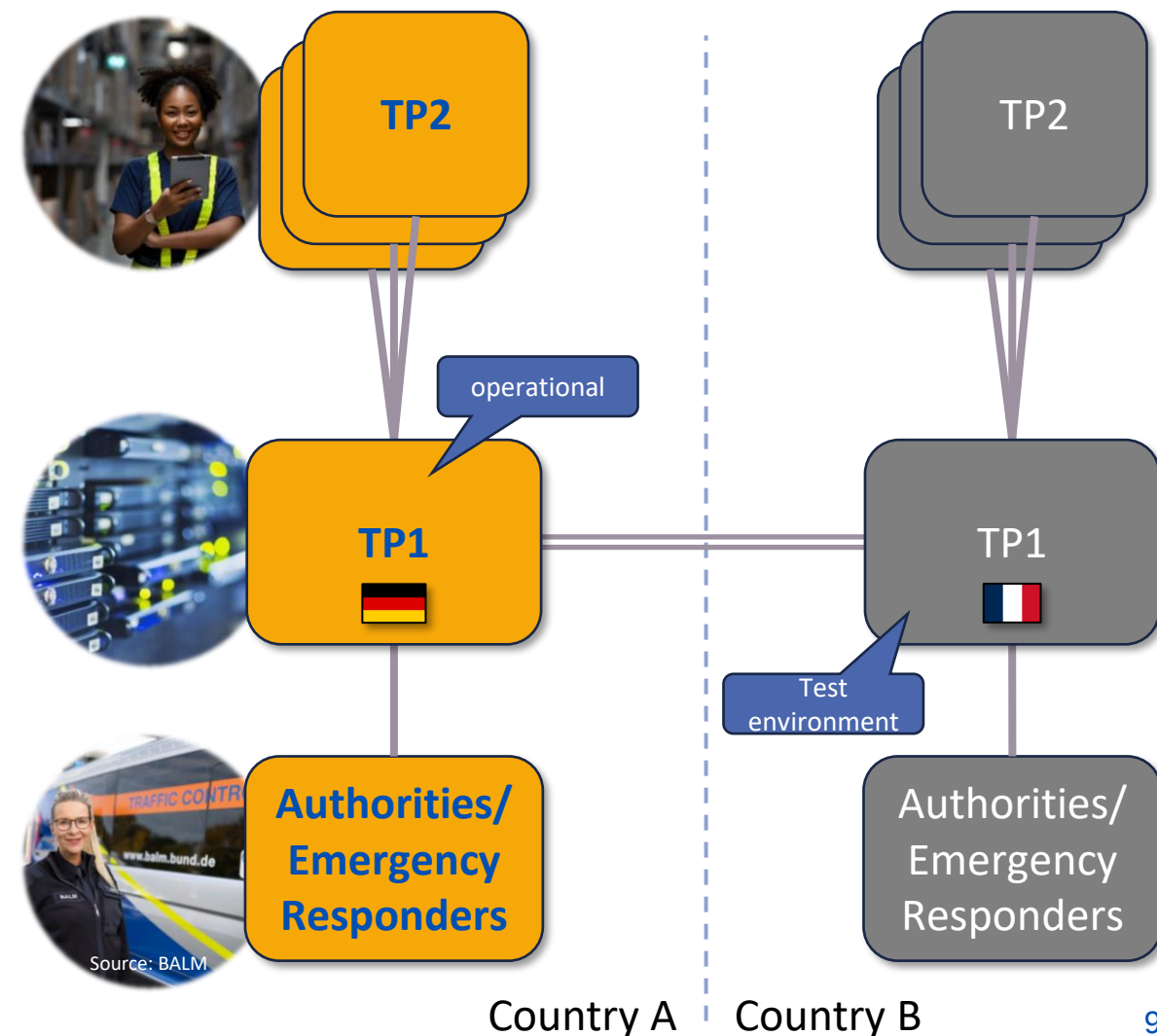


Module 3

TP2 as service with data conversion



- ▶ **No regulations for authorities or emergency responders: Their internal behaviour and how they make use of the system is entirely up to them**
- ▶ **Existing public key infrastructure can be used**
- ▶ **Internet backbone**
- ▶ **Two level « trusted party » interface:**
 - Access provider named TP1
 - Provided by an official organisation (Authority or certified body)
 - Provides services for access control
 - Management of roles and rights
 - Registration of certificates
 - Stores service end-points, metadata (vehicle IDs...) and related attributes for each DG transport
 - Provides a Search Mechanism
 - Content provider named TP2
 - May be provided by a company in-house system (ERP, TMS, ...) or a service provider
 - Stores transport related DG information (transport documents, certificates, dynamic data) and metadata (e.g. vehicle ID) for the time of transport



Dangerous Goods Data Exchange TP1-TP2 and Transition to eFTI

eFTI platform (private sector)

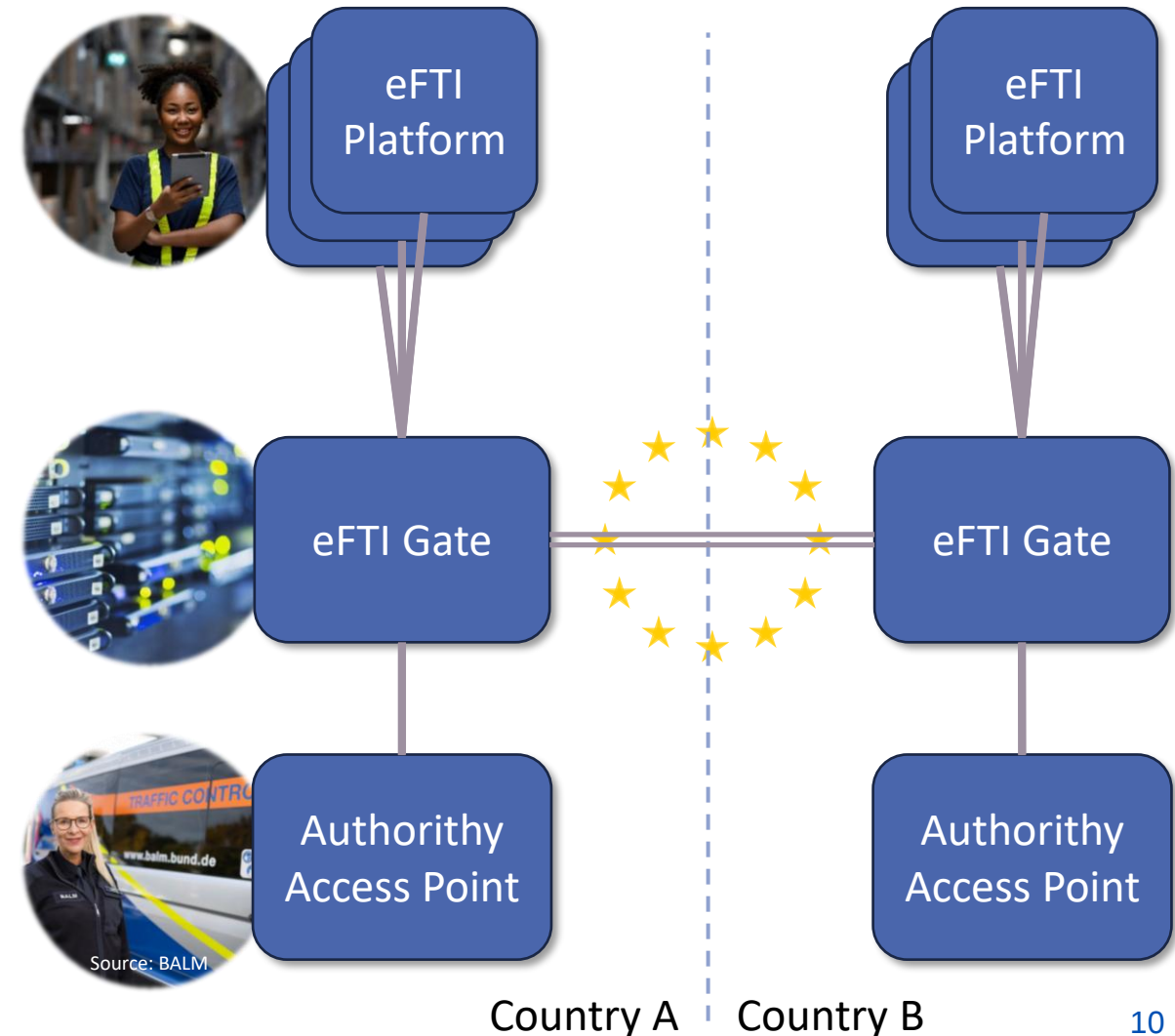
- Provision of eFTI data sets (not documents)
- Addressing digitally or via identifiers
- Certification mandatory

eFTI-Gate (public sector; per member state)

- Intermediaries eFTI platforms ↔ Competent authorities
- No storage of content data
- Linked with all other EU eFTI gates (eFTI-Gates provide a federated service)
- Identifier register (e.g. licence plate, vehicle identification, etc.)

AAP (authority access point; public sector)

- Identification, authentication and authorisation of access



The challenges

Making eFTI a reality

- Harmonised, interoperable, Europe-wide eFTI exchange environment
- System architecture in distributed sovereignty
- "Translation" of the legal texts into technical specifications
- Ambitious schedule
- Acceptance by economic operators
 - Requirements on eFTI Platforms
 - Mapping of familiar business ecosystems onto eFTI platforms and tributary systems
 - Implementation costs
 - Transition from systems in place to
 - Certification (low costs + in time)
 - Acceptance of data model

eFTI dangerous goods data - difference to eDGTI

- Different modelling paradigms
 - rights-based digital twin (ADR/RID/ADN) vs. trade-orientated model (eFTI)
- Semantic differences, e.g. sender and receiver
- Deep hierarchical structure with (conditional) dependencies to avoid errors vs. flat hierarchical structure for „easier“ implementation
- For the time being, eFTI only takes into account mandatory elements of ADR/RID/ADN
- ⇒ Planning for DE: Further use of eDGTI (tried and tested over many years) until the eFTI dangerous goods dataset is reliably applicable.

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