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RESTRUCTURING OF ADR - ANNEX B OF ADR PARKING OF VEHICLES CONSTITUTING A SPECIAL DANGER

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SUMMARY

Summary: Section 8.3.8 (former marginal 10 507) is considered to be

ambiguous and superfluous, as well as no longer in line with the new

format of the instructions in writing prescribed in section 5.4.

Action: Delete section 8.3.8.

Related documents: TRANS/WP.15/157/Add.1

Introduction

During the sixty-sixth session of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, during the discussion on adopting the reformatted text of Part 12 (now Part 8), the Expert from Norway brought the attention of the meeting to the fact that the text of [10 507] was ambiguous and not in line with the new text in section 5.4.

In particular, questions were raised on who is to decide what substances are to be considered as "constituting a special danger" and how the driver can know which is "the nearest competent authority".

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Furthermore, the text of 5.4.3 [10 385] makes it clear that the driver is not supposed to take any action that may involve personal risk, and that if he is to act beyond general actions, he shall be specially trained and equipped to do so.

The requirements in Chapter 8.4 [10 321] concerning parking and supervision of vehicles shall also assure that vehicles carrying dangerous goods are not parked in such places that the situation described in 8.3.8 occurs.

Proposal:

Delete section 8.3.8.

Justification

Safety: Safety is achieved through the general and special provisions regarding vehicles,

packaging, marking, labelling, instructions in writing and driver training, as well

as the requirements concerning parking and supervision of vehicles.

Feasibility: The deletion will remove a superfluous regulation which is ambiguous and

difficult to implement in practice.

Enforceability: The amendment will remove a provision that is very difficult to enforce in a

consistent manner.