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PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX B OF ADR

Driver's assistant

Transmitted by the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA)

Executive summary:	For vehicles carrying goods of class 1, the presence of a driver's assistant on board is not required.
Action to be taken:	Amendment to marginal 11 311 of Annex B to ADR.
Related documents:	None.

Introduction

Marginal 11 311 stipulates that a driver's assistant shall accompany every transport unit carrying explosives except for articles of item 43, identification number 0336 (from 01.01.1999 in amounts not exceeding a net explosive mass of 5000 kg).

More than one country deviates from the provisions in marginal 11 311 for their domestic transport of explosives. In Norway there is no demand for an assistant and in Sweden it is

sufficient if the driver has a "functioning" mobile phone and in Germany similar provisions are applied for the carriage of certain explosives.

FIATA believes that the approach by the above mentioned countries not to overestimate the need of the driver's assistant, is the right one. Road accidents in Europe where explosives have been involved have not showed the need for an assistant.

The safety aspects are satisfied by the general and special provisions such as those dealing with packagings, marking, labelling, vehicles and driver training and there is no need for a driver's assistant when carrying explosives or, which is recognised, when Butane, Chlorine etc. are carried in tanks which ought to be as dangerous as explosives when these substances are released by accident.

Proposal

Delete marginal 11 311 (1) - (3)

Justification

- Safety: Safety is achieved through the general and special provisions regarding vehicles, packagings, marking, labelling, documentation, driver training.
- Feasibility: The amendment would remove the difficulties for freight forwarders and carriers to engage a second driver as well as limit the costs without lowering the safety standard.
- Enforceability: Would not cause any problems.
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