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STATUS OF THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL  
CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY ROAD (ADR)

Transmitted by the Russian Federation

The secretariat has received from the Government of the Russian  
Federation the notification reproduced below.

The Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation has considered the claims made by foreign transport operators to the competent Russian organs in respect of the international carriage of dangerous goods by road and our position may be summarized as follows.

The facts as presented in the claims regarding the acquisition of special permits for the carriage of dangerous goods in each entity of the Russian Federation are incorrect. Under the Regulations on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods, which entered into force in 1995, only one special permit, and not several, is required for the carriage of dangerous goods, and this permit is valid for the whole of the Russian Federation. Information about the introduction of the Regulations was supplied in good time to the competent authorities of foreign States.

In particular, with regard to the obtaining of special permits:

- A list of goods defined as dangerous in accordance with the standards applicable in the territory of the Russian Federation and a procedure for the carriage of dangerous goods have been established;
- An application for the carriage of dangerous goods is to be addressed by the road transport operator to the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation;
- The time required to consider applications and issue special permits for the carriage of dangerous goods and "especially dangerous goods" is up to one month;
- The itinerary for carriage of the dangerous goods is to be prepared and agreed with the organs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation by the transport operator (or forwarder) undertaking this transport operation.

A second version of the Regulations on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods has now been prepared. The list of dangerous goods for which special transport permits are required has been considerably shortened in the second version and these Regulations will be brought into force shortly.

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