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**CLASS 1 – REQUIREMENTS FOR CONVOYS AND PLACES OF LOADING AND
UNLOADING**

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Document References

ADR 2001 Chapter 8.5 S01(4)(d) and (5)(a)
ADR 1999 Marginals 11 509 and 11 520(1)

Proposal

To amend Additional Requirements S01(4)(d) and (5)(a) to add the words ‘where practicable’ before the words ‘a distance of...’

(4) Places of loading and unloading

- (d) When vehicles carrying substances and articles of Class 1 are obliged to stop for loading or unloading operations in a public place, *where practicable* a distance of at least 50 m shall be maintained between the stationary vehicles.

(5) Convoys

- (a) When vehicles carrying substances and articles of Class 1 travel in convoy, *where practicable* a distance of not less than 50 m shall be maintained between each transport unit and the next.

Justification

While it is desirable to maintain minimum distances between explosives vehicles and other vehicles, it will not always be possible in practice to meet the requirement, particularly where other vehicles approach at traffic junctions or hold-ups, or park within the 50 metre limit once loading/unloading has started. For this reason, it would be more sensible to make this an objective rather than an absolute requirement.
