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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Safety in road tunnels

Transmitted by the Government of France

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document is aimed at resolving problems of application arising with the entry into force of the new provisions concerning safety in road tunnels.
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Amend 5.4.1.1.1 and 8.2.2.3.2.
<i>Related documents:</i>	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190, para. 68.

Introduction

1. At the October 2006 session, on the basis of document INF.17, the Working Party agreed that it would be advisable to study further a number of problems related to the application of the new provisions concerning traffic in road tunnels, notably driver training and determination of the load's tunnel restriction code.
2. In the light of the relative complexity of the system introduced in ADR 2007, there is a need to adjust the training provided to drivers so as to familiarize them with the tunnel restriction codes they may encounter from 1 July 2007.
3. Also, no provision has been made for any specific reference to the code in the transport document. The question thus arises as to how the driver will be informed of his load's tunnel restriction code. It seems essential to include in the transport document the tunnel restriction code of the goods being transported.
4. If ADR is not amended to address these points, the application of the new provisions may quickly pose huge difficulties.

Proposal

Proposal 1

5. Insert the following text in 5.4.1.1.1:

“For each item of dangerous goods: the tunnel restriction code preceded by the word ‘TUNNEL’.”

Proposal 2

6. Insert the following text at the beginning of 8.2.2.3.2 (n):

“(n) Traffic restrictions in tunnels and” (the following text remains unchanged).

Justification

7. Safety implications: improved application of the provisions concerning safety in tunnels.
8. Feasibility: no problems foreseen.
9. Enforceability: this amendment is needed to avoid problems of application.
