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PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN */

New proposals

Safety advisors

Transmitted by the Government of Spain

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document contains a proposal developed by “Euro Contrôle Route” Training Working Group.

Action to be taken: Amend current text of 1.8.3.1 and 1.8.3.5 of RID/ADR.

Relevant documents: None.

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Introduction

1. The Training Working Group of “Euro Contrôle Route” (ECR) at its meeting held in Warsaw from 21 to 23 May 2007, decided to prepare a proposal to amend Chapter 1.8 of ADR referring to 1.8.3.1 and 1.8.3.5, in order to include the obligation to communicate to the competent authority the identity of the safety advisor and to hold an updated register to be used as a data base for the authorities of all Contracting Parties.

2. The ECR Training Group proposes the following amendments:

Proposal

3. Current 1.8.3.1 would be amended as follows:

“Each undertaking, the activities of which include the carriage, or the related packing, loading, filling or unloading, of dangerous goods by road shall appoint, communicating their identities to the competent authority, one or more safety advisors for the carriage of dangerous goods, responsible for helping to prevent the risks inherent in such activities with regard to persons, property and the environment.”

4. Current 1.8.3.5 would read:

~~*“Each undertaking concerned shall, on request, inform the competent authority or the body designated for that purpose by each Contracting Party of the identity of its adviser”*~~

“The competent authority or the body designated for that purpose by each Contracting Party shall hold an updated registry of the inscribed safety advisors and of the undertakings affected by 1.8.3.1 that have designated and communicated the identity of their safety advisors.”

Justification

5. A safety advisor acts as an intermediate between the Competent Authority and a company. During the ECR Training Working Group meeting, it was agreed by all members that safety advisors should be registered so that the authorities of all Contracting Parties could have an updated register of safety advisors. Consequently, the obligation to communicate their identity to the Competent Authorities was deemed necessary, and should be included in the ADR/RID. Paragraphs affected are 1.8.3.1 and 1.8.3.5, where this obligation should be stated.
