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Proposals for amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR: new proposals

Amendments to Chapter 8.5, additional requirement S1(4)(d)

Transmitted by the government of Norway¹

Summary

- Executive summary:** Proposal to solve a practical problem related to the use of the term “vehicle” in Chapter 8.5, S1 concerning loading and unloading of Class 1 explosives.
- Action to be taken:** Replace the word “vehicles” with “transport units” in Chapter 8.5, S1(4)(d).
- Related documents:** None.

Introduction

1. In Chapter 8.5, S1(4)(d) deals with loading and unloading of Class 1, and reads: “When vehicles carrying substances and articles of Class 1 are obliged to stop for loading or unloading operations in a public place, a distance of at least 50 m shall be maintained between the stationary vehicles.”.
2. A transport unit is defined as a motor vehicle without an attached trailer, or a combination consisting of a motor vehicle and an attached trailer. Presumably, it has never been the intent to require 50 metre separation between a trailer and its towing vehicle

¹ The present document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 1(c) of the terms of reference of the Working Party, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1, which provides a mandate to “Develop and update the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)”.

during loading and unloading. Such separation creates a practical problem in relation to efficient loading and unloading as well as effective supervision of the vehicles.

3. The situation of having Class 1 goods on both the towing vehicle and the trailer is not uncommon. In Norway it is common practice to separate transport of Class 1 compatibility group B and D, by loading the compatibility group B only on one of the vehicles in the transport unit.

Proposal

4. We propose to replace the word “vehicles” with “transport units” in S1(4)(d) in Chapter 8.5 as follows:

“When ~~vehicles~~ transport units carrying substances and articles of Class 1 are obliged to stop for loading or unloading operations in a public place, a distance of at least 50 m shall be maintained between the stationary ~~vehicles~~ transport units.”.

Justification

5. The proposed new wording will solve a practical problem, and it will come into line with the wording in the subsequent subsection relating to vehicles in convoys, (see S1(5)(a) in Chapter 8.5).
