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Interpretation of ADR

Use of aluminium in EX/III vehicle bodies

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1. Chapter 9.3 of ADR sets out requirements for EX/II or EX/III vehicles intended for the carriage of explosive substances and articles (Class 1) in packages.
2. The materials to be used in the construction of vehicle bodies are covered by 9.3.1, which specifies that:

“No materials likely to form dangerous compounds with the explosive substances carried shall be used in the construction of the body.”
3. In our view, this requirement does not allow for the use of aluminium in the construction of EX/II and EX/III vehicle bodies.
4. We should like to know the view of the Working Party on this issue.

¹ The present document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 1 (f) 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 “discuss and resolve problems relating to the interpretation and enforcement of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)”.