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**SUPERVISION OF VEHICLES**

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**Document References**

ADR 2001 Chapter 8.4 and Chapter 8.5 S01(6); S16; and S21

ADR 1999 Marginals 10 321; 11 321; 41 321; 52 321; and 71 321

**Proposal**

To amend Additional Requirements S01(6), S16 and S21 in Chapter 8.5 to delete the requirements relating to malicious acts, as follows –

**S01(6):** delete the words - *“In addition, these substances and articles shall be supervised at all times in order to prevent any malicious act and to alert the driver and the competent authorities in the event of loss or fire.”*

**S16:** delete the words - *“In addition, vehicles carrying more than 500 kg of these substances shall be subject at all times to supervision to prevent any malicious act and to alert the driver and competent authorities in the event of loss or fire.”*

**S21:** delete the words - *“In addition, these goods shall be subject at all times to supervision to prevent any malicious act and to alert the driver and the competent authorities in the event of loss or fire.”*

**Background**

Chapter 8.4 sets out the requirements for vehicles to be supervised or alternatively parked, unsupervised, in a secure depot or secure factory premises. If such facilities are not available, the vehicle, after having been properly secured, may be parked in an isolated position subject to certain requirements.

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Chapter 8.5 sets out additional special requirements relating to particular classes or substances. S01(6); S16 and S21 require specified amounts of classes or substances to “*be supervised at all times in order to prevent any malicious act and to alert the driver and the competent authorities in the event of loss or fire*”.

**Justification**

The limit for imposition of these requirements is arbitrary, for example 50 kg for any type of Class 1 explosive. It makes no allowance for scale of hazard within the class or the amount that can be carried e.g. a maximum of 18.75 kg of 1.1A explosive may be carried. It is not considered appropriate for ADR to set requirements for ‘malicious acts’. These should be dealt with by the national authorities who are better placed to judge the likelihood and type of such activities and the appropriate measures to deal with them accordingly, possibly within other more relevant national legislation.

During the sixty-sixth session in May 1999 a similar measure, double-manning of explosives vehicles, was removed from ADR on the basis that it was no longer considered a necessary safety measure. If signatory countries wished to retain it they could do so as a national security measure.

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