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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Section 1.2.1: Definitions

Comments on document TRANS/WP.15/2005/3 from Poland
Transmitted by the International Road Transport Union (IRU)

In depth discussions on this issue with operators transporting dangerous goods by road highlighted that, even if in some countries - such as the Netherlands and Germany - the terms “member of vehicle crew” are self-explanatory, operators in other countries, like Belgium and Italy, are confronted daily with problems as authorities and enforcers:

- require an attestation, delivered by the managing director of the transport company, for a crew member to be on board of the vehicle carrying dangerous goods (Belgium);
- require a truck driving permit for any crew member on board the vehicle carrying dangerous goods (Italy).

Therefore, the IRU would like to underline the need for a definition of “member of vehicle crew” in section 1.2.1 ADR and fully supports, in principle, the proposal transmitted by the Polish Government.

The IRU is, however, of the opinion that the definition proposed in document TRANS/WP.15/2005/3 may not be sufficient to solve practical problems as the wording “involved in the carriage of dangerous goods” are susceptible to interpretation. Consequently, the IRU would like to submit the following proposal:

Proposal

Insert the following new definition under 1.2.1 of ADR:

«*Member of vehicle crew*”, a driver, a co-driver or any other person accompanying the driver for security, safety, training or technical reasons at the request of the transport company.»
