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MOBILE UNITS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF EXPLOSIVES

Transmitted by Germany

During the last meeting of WP.15 (May 2006), Germany presented INF document 18 concerning the difficulties associated with mobile units that are designed for the manufacture of explosives at the point of application or use. In this context, Germany proposed to establish an informal working group. Furthermore, Germany agreed to host the first meeting of this working group.

This working group held a meeting at the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs in Bonn from 19 to 20 September 2006.

The meeting was attended, inter alia, by authority and industry representatives from Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Luxemburg, Norway, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, the United Kingdom and Germany.

The aim of the working group was to present the current national regulations for mobile units for the manufacture of explosives and to investigate the possibilities for the introduction of international regulations for such mobile units.

In order to reach this objective, the following points were raised for discussion:

- the nature and quantity of goods to be transported
- the nature and form as well as the material of the containments used for the different goods
- condition of the fittings and inlet lines during transport
- marking of the vehicles or the containments on the mobile units for the manufacture of explosives
- information to be included in the transport document
- definitions

The working group agreed that harmonized regulations on the transport of dangerous goods with mobile units for the manufacture of explosives will be incorporated in ADR in a new chapter and that the process for the manufacture of explosives at the point of application or use, as well as the use of the manufactured explosives, should not be governed by ADR regulations but remain subject to national regulations.

Some of the above-mentioned points were discussed, i.e. the subjects of "assignment of the containments", "material of the containment of the ammonium nitrate emulsion" and "transport of explosives on the mobile unit for the manufacture of explosives", in particular. The aim of these discussions was to exchange opinions and experience. Final requirements still have to be worked out.

Germany asks WP.15 to take note of the above-mentioned information and to confirm the continuation of the work started to reach the above-mentioned goal.

Germany offers to prepare the second meeting of the informal working group and to make available the premises. The working group had considered February 2007 as the date for this meeting.
