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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Comments on the Norwegian proposal in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2006/16
regarding Chapter 8.5, S1(6), Supervision of vehicles

Transmitted by the Government of Sweden

SUMMARY

Executive Summary: Comments on document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2006/16

Action to be taken: Based on document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2006/16;
Add a new S24 in order to keep the limit stated in the current S14
for UN 2956, 3241, 3242 and 3251;
Add UN 3375 to the list of UN numbers for which the new “S23”
is proposed.

Related documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190, para. 24
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2006/16

Introduction

1. At WP.15's eighty-first session, it was decided to keep the Norwegian proposal ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2006/16 on the agenda for the eighty-second session, and it was decided that any comments were to be submitted in writing for this session.

2. Sweden supports the Norwegian proposal in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2006/16, which aims to align the quantities stated in the "S" provisions in Chapter 8.5 with the quantities in table 1.10.5. However, we have two comments on the proposal.

3. Our first comment concerns UN 2956, 3241, 3242 and 3251 (Class 4.1). Today, S14 is assigned to these UN numbers, and currently, S14 requires supervision of vehicles when the total mass exceeds 100 kg. However, in the proposal, S14 still is assigned to these four UN numbers which, according to the new wording of S14, would mean that supervision should apply to vehicles carrying any amount of these substances.

4. Since UN 2956, 3241, 3242 and 3251 are not covered by the regulations in 1.10.3, we are of the opinion that the limit stated in the current S14 should remain for these four UN numbers. Therefore, we would like to propose adding a new S24 to the Norwegian proposal, with the same wording as the current S14.

5. Our second comment concerns UN 3375 (Class 5.1). According to a decision made by the Sub-Committee on Transport of Dangerous Goods (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2006/101), UN 3375 will be covered by Chapter 1.4 in the Model Regulations when carried in quantities greater than 3000 litres. In time, this will presumably be introduced in the ADR and RID. However, in the proposal, S14 is assigned to UN 3375, which would mean that supervision should apply to vehicles carrying any amount of these substances.

6. In support of the aim of the Norwegian proposal, and consistent with the rationale behind it, we would like to suggest adding UN 3375 to the list in (d), in the Annex to the proposal (TRANS/WP.15/2006/16), where UN numbers for perchlorates, ammonium nitrates and ammonium nitrate fertilizers are listed, for which the new "S23" is proposed.

Proposal related to ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2006/16 of Norway

7. Add a new S24 into the Annex to the proposal to be worded as the current S14:

"S24 The provisions of Chapter 8.4 concerning the supervision of vehicles shall apply when the total mass of these substances in the vehicle exceeds 100 kg.".

UN numbers for which "S24" is proposed: UN numbers 2956, 3241, 3242 and 3251

8. Assign S23 to UN 3375 (Supervision of vehicles shall apply when the total mass of these substances in the vehicle exceeds 3000 litres in tanks or 3000 kg in bulk).

Consequential amendments

9. Amend Chapter 3.2, Table A, column 19:

- (a) For UN 2956, 3241, 3242 and 3251: Replace S14 with S24.
 - (b) For UN 3375: Replace S14 with S23.
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