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Comments on document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2007/16 from the World Road Association (PIARC)

Transmitted by the Government of Sweden

Introduction

Sweden supports the proposal from PIARC to amend some of the current tunnel restriction codes in order to accomplish a better balance concerning the hazard characteristics within the codes.

What concerns the diesel fuels, most of them have a flash point that exceeds 60°C and, therefore, do not meet the classification criteria for flammable liquids. They are only subject to ADR by means of a special note, Note 2 in 2.2.3.1.1. It is known that diesel fuel feeds an ongoing fire, but we are not convinced this alone motivates a stricter tunnel restriction code. If tunnel restriction codes are assigned to a substance on that basis, there are other substances that should follow the same example.

Sweden would therefore like to ask the WP.15 meeting to consider if tunnel restriction code E should remain for diesel fuel (UN 1202).