

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Eighty-fourth session

Geneva, 5-9 May 2008

Item 5 (a) of the provisional agenda

PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Security Provisions relating to explosives of Division 1.4

Transmitted by the Government of United Kingdom

SUMMARY	
Proposal:	To provide a textual clarification, for 2009 ADR, for the applicability of security provisions relating to 1.4 explosives in the High Consequence Dangerous Goods List.
Action to be taken:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To propose and present clarification of text for ADR 2009 ○ Amend the exemptions related to quantities carried per transport unit in respect of security requirements for certain explosives of Division 1.4.
Related documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ INF 4 (Finland), INF 25 (United Kingdom) Joint Meeting March 2008; ○ ST/SC/AC.10/C.3/2005/39 (Miscellaneous proposals of amendments to the Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods); ○ ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/30/Add.1 (Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Harmonisation of RID/ADR/ADN with the UN recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods); ○ ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/108/Add.2 (texts adopted by the Joint Meeting, Geneva – September 2007); and ○ Report of the March 2008 Joint Meeting.

Introduction

- The March 2008 Joint Meeting noted that the amendments entering into force on 1 January 2009 concerning security would have no effect in the case of articles of Division 1.4S listed in Chapter 1.10 (UN Nos 0366, 0441, 0455, 0456 and 0500) since according to 1.1.3.6.2 these articles fall within Transport Category 4 which exempts them from the provisions of

chapter 1.10 in unlimited quantities. It appreciated that there was a contradiction in these provisions, but felt that modifications to 1.1.3.6.2 proposed by the UK could not be dealt with by the Joint Meeting based on late informal documents (see Joint Meeting Report paragraph 49).

- However a large majority agreed with the aim of the UK proposal in INF 25 to reflect the situation of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts for the Transport of Dangerous Goods that any quantity of the Division 1.4 articles added to the list of High Consequence Dangerous Goods should be subject to the appropriate security provisions to reflect the application of the security provisions in Chapter 1.10. The UK agreed to submit a separate proposal to WP.15.

Background

- The Joint Meeting adopted the UN recommendations on the security of High Consequence Dangerous Goods (September and October 2003). The provisions apply above the 1.1.3.6.3 maximum quantities per transport unit.
- UK proposals for inclusion of certain terrorist-attractive articles classified in Division 1.4 to be included in the indicative list were adopted by the UN Sub-Committee of Experts in December 2005.
- The Joint Meeting adopted these changes to the list of High Consequence Dangerous Goods in September 2007.
- At the last Joint Meeting, the paper from Finland (INF 4) pointed out that certain UN Nos. with classification code 1.4S in the table of High Consequence Dangerous Goods would, by the provisions of 1.1.3.6.2 that permits the transport of unlimited quantities of such articles and substances, be exempted from the application of the security provisions in Chapter 1.10.
- INF 25 from the United Kingdom proposed an amendment of the text in 1.1.3.6.2 to exclude explosives of division 1.4 from the exemptions relating to 1.10. This proposal, whilst accepted in principal by the Joint Meeting, has been revised to include the Division 1.4 UN numbers already listed in the revision to 1.10.5 as set out in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/195.

Proposal

Amend 1.1.3.6.2 as follows:

- 1.1.3.6.2 Where the quantity of dangerous goods carried on a transport unit does not exceed the values indicated in column (3) of the table in 1.1.3.6.3 for a given transport category (when the dangerous goods carried in the transport unit belong to the same category) or the value calculated in accordance with 1.1.3.6.4 (when the dangerous goods carried in the transport unit belong to different transport

categories), they may be carried in packages in one transport unit without application of the following provisions:

- Chapter 1.10 **except for Class 1 explosives of Division 1.4 with UN numbers 0104, 0237, 0255, 0267, 0289, 0361, 0365, 0366, 0440, 0441, 0455, 0456 and 0500.**
 - Remainder unchanged.
-