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Miscellaneous Proposals of Amendments to the Model Regulations

Fuels in Machinery and Equipment

Australian comments on document ST/SG/AC/.10/C.3/2009/40 from the United Kingdom

Background

1. Australian authorities support the proposal from the United Kingdom to add a new special provision to establish provisions for the transport of large amounts of fuel that is carried as a load for the functioning of machinery or equipment.
2. We feel that the wording will need to be clarified to ensure that fuel that is carried for the operation of trucks and trains is not covered by this proposal. In Australia we have road trains that can carry up to 3,000 litres of fuel, for trips into remote or regional areas and we would prefer wording that specifies that fuel being carried for the operation of road and rail vehicles is not covered by this provision.

Proposal:

3. The proposal is supported in principle, however we consider that appropriate wording to exclude trucks and trains from the proposed requirements need to be considered to clarify the scope of this proposal. Subject to this qualification Australia would prefer the option that requirements apply to fuel quantities over 500 litres and that the machinery or equipment be placarded on two opposite sides.
