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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Tunnel restriction code in transport document

Transmitted by the Government of Austria *

Summary

Executive Summary:	The transport document has to contain the tunnel restriction code even when 1.1.3.6 is applied which is excluded from tunnel restrictions.
Action to be taken:	Extend the exemption in 5.4.1.1.1 k).
Related documents:	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/192 and -/Add.1.

* The present document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 1(c) of the terms of reference of the Working Party, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1, which provides a mandate to “Develop and update the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)”.

Introduction

1. At its 82nd session WP.15 decided that the tunnel restriction code has to be entered in the transport document. This empowers the driver to consider whether the load may pass through classified tunnels or not. Since only for that this information is necessary, WP.15 decided at the same time that it need not be added, when the carriage is known beforehand not to pass through a tunnel with restrictions.
2. Paragraph of 1.9.5.3.6 ADR stipulates that carriages in accordance with 1.1.3 must not be restricted. Though in this case too the tunnel restriction code in the transport document is meaningless, it is required.

Proposal

3. Amend the exemption in 5.4.1.1.1 k) to read as follows:

“The tunnel restriction code need not be added in the transport document, when 1.1.3.6 is applied or where the carriage is known beforehand not to pass through a tunnel with restrictions for carriage of dangerous goods.”

Justification

4. By deleting unnecessary information the proposed amendment makes it easier to draw up a transport document without affecting transport safety.
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