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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Sections 8.2.1.5, 8.2.2.5.2, 8.2.2.5.3, 8.2.2.8.2: Certificate of Driver Training

Transmitted by the Government of Ireland *

Summary	
Executive Summary:	Following discussion at the 86 th session regarding the requirement for explicit text outlining the period of validity of the driver training certificate and the period of validity of the specialization examination qualification, Ireland chaired an informal correspondence working group, taking into account concerns about the content of the certificate, and existing driver training and examination schemes in existence and has produced an amended version of 8.2.1 and 8.2.2. This provides for greater clarity and brevity in the written text and enables contracting parties, to apply rules on specializations and periods of validity in a more harmonized and consistent manner across all ADR Contracting Parties.
Action to be taken:	Amend 8.2.1.5, 8.2.2.5.2, 8.2.2.5.3 and 8.2.2.8.2 as proposed.
Related Documents:	Informal documents INF.3, INF.9 and INF.10 of the 86 th session, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/201, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2009/4, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2009/14.

Background and analysis

* 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)”.

1. At the last WP.15 meeting, the discussion on document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2009/4 from the United Kingdom on the driver training certificate gave rise to related discussion which suggested there were differences in interpretation of the application of the driver training provisions, specifically relating to period of validity of the training certificate. Arising from an informal working group during the recess, Ireland offered to redraft these provisions to improve clarity without substantive change to the practice of most ADR contracting parties. This we have done, taking into account all comments received from contributors. Obviously, there were conflicting views but where there is a general consensus, these views have been incorporated in the current proposal.

2. Ireland found that we could agree with some aspects of the original proposals set out in the Belgian and United Kingdom proposals outlined at the 86th session (informal document INF.12 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2009/4), regarding the period of validity of specialization and how this is indicated or otherwise on the training certificate.

3. The following proposed amendments to the current texts in ADR, represent the outcome of comments received, based on views expressed by contributors to the informal correspondence working group. Owing to the constrained timeframe in which the working group was operational, this paper reflects comments received up to 31 July 2009. Comments were received from Sweden, Switzerland, Finland, Belgium, Hungary, Germany, the United Kingdom, Denmark and the International Road Transport Union (IRU).

Proposal

4. The proposal from Ireland is aimed at addressing matters which delegates raised at the 86th session. A significant number of delegates made verbal contributions during the plenary session and short ad-hoc working group convened during recess. Certain matters remained unresolved at the conclusion of that session.

5. The need was identified for:

- a. clarification on the period of validity of the driver training certificate;
- b. basis for period of validity (specify which examination);
- c. how period of validity for specialization is identified and dealt with by examination administrators and enforcement personnel;
- d. Clarify the minimum training period for refresher training courses (basic and/or specialization).

6. The proposed amendments to Chapter 8.2 of ADR 2009 are shown in the Annex. The new text is underlined and the deleted text is stricken out. Only paragraphs for which amendments are proposed are reproduced.

AnnexSections 8.2.1.5, 8.2.2.5.2, 8.2.2.5.3 and 8.2.2.8.2 as amended

The new text is underlined and the deleted text is ~~stricken out~~.

8.2.1.5 Drivers shall be able to show a valid driver's certificate by means of appropriate endorsements on his a certificate made every five years issued by the competent authority. ~~or by any organization recognized by that authority, a vehicle driver shall be able to show that he has in the year before the date of expiry of his certificate completed refresher training and has passed corresponding examination. The new period of validity shall begin with the date of expiry of the certificate.~~

8.2.2.5.2 Refresher training shall have been completed before the period referred to in 8.2.2.8.2 4.5 has expired.

8.2.2.5.3 The duration of the refresher training including individual practical exercises shall be of at least two days for comprehensive training courses or for individual courses, at least one third* the duration allocated to the corresponding initial basic or initial specialization courses as specified in 8.2.2.4.1.

A driver may replace a refresher training course and examination with the corresponding initial training course and examination.

*(For illustrative purposes, see table below)

• Basic	• 18	• 6
• Specialization tanks	• 12	• 4
• Class 1	• 8	• 2 (rounded down)
• Class 7	• 8	• 2 (rounded down),

8.2.2.8.2 The date of validity of a driver's certificate shall be five years from the date the driver passes a basic or restricted basic training examination.

When a driver has passed a refresher basic or restricted refresher basic training examination within 12 months of the date of expiry of the certificate, the validity shall be extended by five years, beginning with the date of expiry of the certificate.

When a driver has passed a specialization or a restricted specialisation training examination, the specialization shall be valid until the date of expiry of the certificate.

~~The certificate shall be renewed if the candidate furnishes proof of his participation in refresher training in accordance with 8.2.1.5 and if he has passed an examination in accordance with 8.2.2.7.3.~~
