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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Section 1.6.1 : Transitional measure for the certificate of driver's training

Transmitted by the Government of Belgium

Background

1. A new model for the certificate of driver's training will be introduced on 1 January 2011. In view of the concerns raised by several Contracting Parties about the time constraints in putting the new processes that are needed in place, the United Kingdom recommends in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2009/14 a transitional measure to 31 December 2011 for the issue of new style certificates :

"1.6.1.19 Contracting Parties may continue to issue certificates of driver's training conforming to the model applicable until 31 December 2010, instead of those conforming to the requirements of 8.2.2.8.5, until 31 December 2011. Such certificates may continue in use to the end of their 5 year validity, but may not be renewed following a candidate's participation in refresher training in accordance with 8.2.1.5 and passing of an examination in accordance with 8.2.2.7.3."

2. Because of the drastic changes that are being introduced in the new model of the certificate (a plastic card with an additional security feature and – possibly – a photograph), new data transmission procedures, a new production unit and – possibly – a new database system will be needed. In Belgium, all of this will not be possible before the 1st of January 2012. One of the reasons is that the budget demands for 2010 within the Federal Public Services have already been introduced. Investments in the new system will not be possible before the beginning of 2011 at the earliest. The transitional period will therefore need to be longer, preferably until 31 December 2015, but certainly until 31 December 2013.

Proposal

3. In 1.6.1.19 of ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2009/14, replace “31 December 2011” with “31 December 201[5]”.
