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## PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

### Chapter 8.2: Requirements concerning the training of the vehicle crew Comments in response to INF.8 from Sweden

#### Transmitted by the Government of Denmark

### **Introduction**

1. In INF.8 and INF.8/Add.1 the Government of Sweden proposes to amend sub-section 8.2.2.7.2.3 as follows:

“With respect to each specialization training course, at least 15 written questions shall be asked for the initial training course and at least 10 written questions shall be asked for the refresher training course. The duration of these examinations shall be at least 30 minutes respectively.”

2. The Government of Denmark supports the work done by the Government of Sweden, but we would like to propose a few further amendments. In sub-section 8.2.2.7.1.4 it is stated that a single examination for a comprehensive course may be held. In our view it should be possible for the competent authority to determine the amount of questions and the duration of such single examination for a comprehensive course. This will be fully in line with the proposal to let the competent authority determine the total duration of a comprehensive course in the proposed sub-section 8.2.2.3.3 (sub-section 8.2.2.4.2 in ADR 2009). Otherwise, a single examination after a comprehensive course will in the most extreme case (basic course and all three specialization courses) last 2 hours and 15 minutes, which in our view will be too long for a driver.

3. We believe that a comprehensive course means a basic course and one or more specializations courses held immediately after the basic course. In our view there is a need for a definition of “comprehensive course”.

### **Proposal**

4. Add a definition of “comprehensive course”

1.2.1 “*Comprehensive course*” means a basic course and one or more specializations courses held immediately after the basic course.

*In sub-section 8.2.2.7.2.3 add the following:*

“8.2.2.7.2.3 “The total amount of questions for an examination for a comprehensive [training] course may be determined by the competent authority, who shall maintain the amount of questions for the examination for the basic training course, but may supplement it with less questions for the examination for specialization training courses for tanks, Classes 1 and 7. The total duration of an examination for a comprehensive [training] course may be determined by the competent authority in the same way.

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