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Interpretation

8.2.2.8 Certificate of driver's training - discussion

Transmitted by the Government of Sweden

1. When the provisions in Chapter 8.2 were revised, the requirements concerning issuing and the layout of the ADR-certificate were modified in order to promote harmonisation and security.
2. During our work with the new certificate, a number of questions have been raised:
 - (a) In case a driver loses his certificate during carriage, e.g. during an international transport, is it possible to issue a temporary ADR-certificate that is not in full conformity with the provisions in sub-section 8.2.2.8.3? As the text is worded today, we do not believe this is possible.

Problem:

According to sub-section 8.2.2.8.3, the certificate shall have the layout of the model shown in 8.2.2.8.5. This means that it, among other things, shall be made of plastic and include security features. In Sweden, we have had ADR-certificates made of plastic for more than 10 years. However, in cases where a driver loses his certificate, it takes around 2-3 weeks before a copy is issued. The driver's identification must be proved at the post office in order to collect the certificate.

If the driver loses his ADR-certificate during an international carriage and needs a new certificate immediately, this procedure does not work. The situation after 2013 will be that another driver must be hired to continue the carriage. To enable the driver to continue the carriage without being penalized during a road check we have, up till now, solved this in Sweden by issuing a temporary ADR-certificate printed on paper. Approximately 50 temporary ADR-certificates are issued in Sweden every year.

(b) A driver might choose to undergo driver's training in any country, even if he does not have a citizenship in that country. This means that a driver might undergo examination for the basic training course in e.g. Germany and, within the period of the certificate's validity, undergo examination for a specialization training course in Sweden.

In a situation as described above, we are of the opinion that the new certificate shall be issued in Sweden.

The Government of Sweden would like to hear other countries views on the above mentioned matters and also seek for their advice.
