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Proposals for amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR:

Miscellaneous proposals

Training of drivers

Transmitted by the Government of Switzerland¹

Summary

Executive Summary: Holders of specialization training course certificates for Class 1 and Class 7 substances should not be excluded under 8.2.1.2 and 8.2.1.3 from attending restricted basic training courses

Action to be taken: Amend the last sentences of 8.2.1.2 and 8.2.1.3

Reference documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2012/3

Introduction

1. During the presentation of document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2012/3 last May, the Working Party confirmed that any driver who held a specialization certificate in accordance with 8.2.1.4 could also attend basic training courses or tank specialization training courses limited to specific dangerous goods or to a specific class or classes (points 39 and 40 of the report ECE/TRANS/WP.15/215).

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)”.

2. However, the wording of the current text does not allow for this interpretation. The last sentences of 8.2.1.2 and 8.2.1.3, which read “These restricted basic training courses shall not be provided for drivers of vehicles referred to in 8.2.1.4” and “These restricted tank specialization training courses shall not be provided for drivers of vehicles referred to in 8.2.1.4”, say the exact opposite.

3. At the ninety-second session, several delegations gave their views on our proposed amendment to 8.2.1.4, which would have the advantage of making as few amendments as possible to the existing text. Various proposals were put forward orally. We submit one of these proposals below as proposal 1. Proposal 2 reproduces for reference the text of our previous proposal, contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2012/3.

Proposal 1

4. Replace the last sentence of 8.2.1.2, which reads “These restricted basic training courses shall not be provided for drivers of vehicles referred to in 8.2.1.4”, with “These restricted basic training courses shall not confer the right to attend the training courses referred to in 8.2.1.4”.

5. Replace the last sentence of 8.2.1.3, which reads “These restricted tank specialization training courses shall not be provided for drivers of vehicles referred to in 8.2.1.4”, with “These restricted tank specialization training courses shall not confer the right to attend the training courses referred to in 8.2.1.4”.

Proposal 2 (alternative)

6. Change the text of 8.2.1.4 as follows (the amended text appears in bold and underlined):

“8.2.1.4 Drivers of vehicles carrying substances or articles of Class 1, other than substances and articles of Division 1.4, compatibility group S (see additional requirement S1 in Chapter 8.5), drivers of MEMU carrying mixed loads of substances or articles of Class 1 and substances of Class 5.1 (see 7.5.5.2.3) and drivers of vehicles carrying certain radioactive material (see special provisions S11 and S12 in Chapter 8.5) **shall pass the examinations entitling them to a training certificate corresponding to a non-restrictive basic course** and shall attend specialization training courses covering at least the subjects defined in 8.2.2.3.4 or 8.2.2.3.5.”

Consequential amendments: delete the last sentences of 8.2.1.2 and 8.2.1.3.
