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#### Proposals for amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR: pending issues

### Transitional measure in regard to the driver training certificate

Transmitted by the government of Germany<sup>1</sup>

#### *Summary*

**Executive summary:** Clarification in the transitional measure 1.6.1.21 ADR, keeping in mind that in some cases the period of validity of a renewed training certificate can extend 5 years.

**Action to be taken:** Clarify or Amend 1.6.1.21 ADR.

**Related documents:** ECE/TRANS/WP.15/212, Annex I;  
Informal Document INF. 5 for the 91<sup>st</sup> session.

## Introduction

1. The Working Party adopted in its ninety-first session in November 2011 the following amendment to transitional measure 1.6.1.21, proposed by the secretariat with informal document INF.5 (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/212, paragraph 40 and annex I):

“1.6.1.21 Training certificates for drivers conforming to the model applicable until 31 December 2010 issued by Contracting Parties until 31 December 2012, instead of those

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<sup>1</sup> 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)”.

conforming to the requirements of 8.2.2.8.5, may continue in use to the end of their five year validity.”.

2. 8.2.2.8.2 (a) offers the following possibility:

After successfully passing an examination following a refresher course less than 12 month before the date of expiry of the existing certificate, a new training certificate can be issued, but the five years period of validity will begin with the date of the expiry of the previous certificate.

3. On one hand the model for the training certificate (8.2.2.8.5) does not provide an entry for the date of issuance. On the other hand, it seems to be understood, that the new certificate will be issued immediately after the preponed examination. So the validity of the newly issued certificate will be more than five years.

For example:

End of the period of validity of a training certificate: 30 December 2013.

Examination after refresher course: 31 December 2012.

New training certificate issued on 31 December 2012 conforming to the old model with a period of validity until 30 December 2018 (31 December 2013 + 5 years).

In 2013 the driver will own a training certificate with a period of validity of more than five years.

4. Any uncertainty in view to the accepted period of validity of training certificates should be avoided.

5. Germany provides the following proposal to comply with the deadline. If this issue or problem respectively can be solved otherwise by a clarification or interpretation of 1.6.1.21 as adopted, for example in the report, Germany does not insist on a formal amendment.

## **Proposal**

6. Read subsection 1.6.1.21 as follows:

“1.6.1.21 Training certificates for drivers conforming to the model applicable until 31 December 2010 issued by Contracting Parties until 31 December 2012, instead of those conforming to the requirements of 8.2.2.8.5, may continue in use to the end of their five year validity.”.

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