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Any other business**Reference marks for new amendments in ADR****Transmitted by the International Road Transport Union (IRU)¹***Summary*

Executive summary:	Proposal to include reference marks for new amendments in the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road.
Action to be taken:	The secretariat should add reference marks in the margin of the published version ADR 2015.
Related documents:	International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code

Introduction

1. The European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) is amended every two years in order to maintain harmonisation with other modes.

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. The ADR is consolidated in two volumes, which represents roughly 1400 pages, with the same consistent structure of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) and the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID).
3. As the ADR is amended biennially, it is difficult to know exactly which amendments have been inserted, deleted or changed.
4. The IRU and its members would like to propose to the secretariat that future editions of the ADR include a note in the margin to indicate the changes made.

Proposal

5. The IRU would like to propose the following, as also indicated in the IMDG Code:
“To insert the following specific reference marks in the margin to indicate changes from the previous edition, in accordance with the ADR.
 Insertion of an item
 Deletion of an item
 Change to an item”.
6. This change would help facilitate the work and understanding of authorities and all participants in the carriage of dangerous goods in the future.
