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PART 9

Materials used in the vehicle cab

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1. Discussion

The 2003 edition of ADR contained in 9.2.4.2.1 provisions regarding the flammability of materials used in the construction of the driver's cab. These provisions were deleted on the advice that this provision is now covered by the existing regulations for type approval of vehicles in Europe.

Norway has become aware of a problem in this context with the installation of various constructional parts, as well as equipment such as seat covers, that clearly do not fulfil the former requirements.

Particularly in connection with the fact that there is no ban on smoking in the drivers cab during transport of dangerous goods, and that some seat covers are made of nylon, Norway would like to re-introduce provisions that ascertain the same level of safety as before regarding the flammability of materials in the driver's cab.

2. Proposal

Norway would like to hear the opinion of the working party on this, particularly as regards EX/II and EX/III vehicles. If WP.15 agrees that this is an issue, Norway will come back with a proposal to the next meeting.
