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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Cargo Securing Guidelines

Transmitted by the European Commission

SUMMARY

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| Executive Summary: | The European Commission proposes the addition of a new footnote to sub-section 7.5.7.1 which contains a reference to the European best practice guidelines on cargo securing. |
| Action to be taken: | Add a new note after sub-section 7.5.7.1 in ADR |
| Background documents: | ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/41 (September 2007 Joint Meeting) ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2007/1 (May 2007 WP.15) ECE/TRANS/WP.15/192 (May 2007 WP.15 report - paragraph 20) |

Background

1. The European Commission submitted to the eighty second session of WP.15 a proposal for a new note under 7.5.7.1 to reference a range of guidance documents on cargo securing. The majority of delegates thought that as some of the documents may have an impact for rail transport the proposal should be submitted to the September 2007 Joint Meeting. This was duly done, but time pressures meant there was very limited discussion of the proposal.
2. The European Commission therefore submits a revised proposal to this session of WP.15. This proposal takes on board the majority of the comments made during the discussion at the eighty second meeting of WP.15. This proposal is for the inclusion of a footnote, rather than a note, to sub section 7.5.7.1 and only references the European Best Practice Guidelines on Cargo Securing for Road Transport. All references to other guidelines have been removed.

3. The guidelines have been published on the European Commission's website:
http://ec.europa.eu/transport/roadsafety/vehicles/best_practice_guidelines_en.htm .

Proposal

4. The European Commission proposes to add a new footnote to sub-section 7.5.7.1, which contains a reference to the European best practice guidelines on cargo securing for road transport:

"Footnote 1: Guidance on the stowage of transport units can be found in the European Best Practice Guidelines on Cargo Securing for Road Transport published by the European Commission."

Justification

Safety: The wide dissemination and use of the guidelines should increase safe practice.

Enforceability: There are no enforcement problems foreseen.
