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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Proposal for amendment to document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2008/4

Transmitted by the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA)

Introduction

OICA proposes the following amendments to document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2008/4.

Proposal

Page 7, amend the proposal to read as follows:

"1.2.1 Add a new definition to read as follows:

“Mobile explosives manufacturing unit” (MEMU), means a unit, or a vehicle mounted with a unit, for manufacturing and charging explosives from dangerous goods that are not explosives.. The unit consists of various tanks and bulk containers and process equipment as well as pumps and related equipment. **If an EX/III vehicle is mounted with such a unit it shall be considered as a MEMU.** The MEMU may have special compartments for packaged explosives.”.

Page 16, add the following amendment:

"Chapter 9.3

Add a note below the heading to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 9.3

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING COMPLETE OR COMPLETED
EX/II OR EX/III VEHICLES

NOTE: *For EX/III vehicles to be completed as MEMUs, see Chapter 9.8.*

9.3.1 Materials to be used in the construction of vehicle bodies

No materials likely to form dangerous...".

Justification

When a vehicle is approved according to UNECE Regulation 105, an approval mark incorporating a symbol identifying the vehicle's designation according to paragraph 9.1.1.2 of the ADR shall be affixed to the vehicle.

The proposal contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2008/4 recognises that a completed MEMU may consist of an EX/III vehicle mounted with a (MEMU) unit, however in such cases the vehicle will be identified as an EX/III. OICA is of the opinion that by amending paragraph 1.2.1 as indicated it will clarify that such an identification is acceptable at the time the completed vehicle is submitted for approval according to paragraph 9.1.2.

Also, OICA is of the opinion that the addition of a note under the heading of Chapter 9.3 will guide users of the ADR to the correct Chapter when an EX/III vehicle is to be completed as a MEMU.
