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**RESTRICTIONS FOR THE CIRCULATION IN ROAD TUNNELS**

**Note by the Vice-Chairperson\***

1. During its October 2008 session, the Working Group decided to include an item on restrictions on the passage of vehicles through road tunnels on the agenda of its next session.
2. The transitional period provided for in paragraph 1.6.1.12 will expire on 1 January 2010.
3. By this date, when applying restrictions to the passage of vehicles carrying dangerous goods through road tunnels, the ADR Contracting Parties must have assigned these tunnels to one of the categories defined in 1.9.5.2.2.

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\* The present document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 1 (i) 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 "Create a working environment that facilitates fulfilment by the Contracting Parties of the obligations set forth in the legal instruments concerned by the activities of the Working Party, and an exchange of views on the interpretation of these instruments or the resolution of problems connected with their enforcement."

4. In addition, the Contracting Parties must indicate prohibitions and alternative routes by means of signs and signals.
5. Lastly, the Contracting Parties must publish these restrictions and notify them to the UNECE secretariat.
6. Given the proximity of the expiry date, it is important that, at its May 2009 session, the Working Group receive information concerning progress made in transposing the provisions of ADR 1.9.5 in each of the countries concerned.

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