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ADR certificate

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Summary

Executive summary: In preparation for the standard ADR training certificate, there should be a transitional period that will allow the Contracting Parties to correct the differences noted between the certificates issued by different countries.

Action to be taken: Add a transitional provision to section 1.6.1.

Related documents:

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)”.

Introduction

1. At the May 2013 session of WP.15 it was noted that some of the certificates issued by Contracting Parties to ADR were not fully in line with the model in ADR 8.3.3.8.4. Paragraph 42 of the report states:

“The Working Party confirmed or specified the following:

- The sequence used for the presentation of dates under numbers 4. and 8. should be the same as the one shown in the model for the training certificate under 8.2.2.8.5;
- The certificate should be white, with black lettering;
- The background security features may be in colour;
- The numbers 9. and 10. should be visible on the back of the certificate to introduce the corresponding lists of classes for which the certificate is valid.”

2. In light of these disparities it would seem appropriate to allow these certificates to be adapted. A standard transitional provision for all the Contracting Parties would therefore be desirable.

Proposal

3. Add a transitional provision at 1.6.1.XY:

“1.6.1.XY ADR driver training certificates issued before 1 January 2015 that do not comply with the requirements under ADR 8.3.3.8.4 applicable from 1 January 2013 and in respect of the sequence used for the presentation of dates under numbers 4. and 8., the colour (white with black lettering), and the use of the numbers 9. and 10. on the back of the certificate to introduce the corresponding lists of classes for which the certificate is valid, may continue to be used until their date of expiry.”
