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**Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN:
new proposals**

**Comments on document 2013/58, Addition to RID/ADR
1.8.6.4.1**

Transmitted by the Government of Sweden

In document 2013/58 Germany proposes a specification of different accreditation possibilities for entities to which specific testing tasks are delegated according to 1.8.6.4 of RID/ADR. Sweden is positive to add requirements for accreditation against EN ISO/IEC 17025:2005 for testing laboratories but the requirements of third-party testing laboratories needs to be better clarified. Third-party status of a laboratory is not a part of a normal EN ISO/IEC 17025:2005 accreditation. If third-party requirement shall be added to the normal laboratory accreditation there needs to be added references to what kind of requirements they shall fulfill, for example EN ISO/IEC 17020:2012 annex A.1.

One more thing that needs to be stated is if the third-party status shall be assessed by the accreditation body (stated in the accreditation certificated) or if this shall be certified through some other activity.

Proposal

To take care of the concerns mentioned above Sweden would like to add a footnote to the text proposed by Germany.

Insert a footnote to the word "third-party" to read as follows:

**third-party means a level of independence according to EN ISO/IEC 17020:2012 Annex 1 and which is assessed by an accreditation body.*