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Tunnel restrictions

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- 1. Column (15) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 of ADR contains the tunnel restriction code that refers to the applicable restriction for the passage of vehicles carrying the considered substance or article through road tunnels. When no tunnel restriction code has been assigned, this is indicated by the mention "(-)".
- 2. In Chapter 8.6 on road tunnel restrictions for the passage of vehicles carrying dangerous goods, 8.6.3.1 states that "when '(-)' is indicated instead of one of the tunnel restriction codes, the dangerous goods are not subject to any tunnel restriction; for the dangerous goods assigned to UN Nos. 2919 and 3331, restrictions to the passage through tunnels may, however, be part of the special arrangement approved by the competent authority(ies) on the basis of 1.7.4.2."
- 3. Does it clearly mean that tunnel restriction shall not apply to the carriage of dangerous goods for which "(-)" is marked in Column (15) of Table A? Or may a competent authority restrict the passage of such vehicles through tunnels?
- 4. We would like to know the opinion of the Working Group.