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**Chapter 9.1
Certificate of approval for vehicles**

Transmitted by the Government of France

Summary : The aim of this proposal is to extend the use of the B.3 certificates of approval.

Action to be taken : Modify 9.1.2.1.6.

9.1.2.1.6 limits the use of the certificates of approval conforming with appendix B.3 until 31 December 2003. This means that before this date all the existing certificates will have to be replaced by certificates conforming with the model in 9.1.2.1.5.

At the same time, a longer transitional period is provided for the assignment of existing tanks to a tank code (see 1.6.3.18).

According to 9.1.2.1.6, certificates conforming with the new model must be delivered to tank-vehicles for which the assignment to a tank code has not yet taken place. In most of the cases this makes little sense, for example for the tank-vehicles intended for the carriage of mineral oil products where the UN numbers 1202 and 1203 appear on the certificate with no ambiguity.

The obligatory renewal of all the existing certificates over such a short time span represents an inordinately large administrative task that could prove to be unnecessary.

That's why we propose to continue to allow the use of the B.3 certificates through the end of their normal life (up to 5 years).

Proposal

Replace the existing text of 9.1.2.1.6 by the following :

« The competent authority may allow until 31 December 2007, the use of certificates of approval conforming to the requirements of ADR in force up to 30 June 2001. »
