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Sub-section 8.1.4 of ADR

Amendments to the requirements for fire-fighting equipment

Comments on the proposal from Germany in doc. TRANS/WP.15/2002/9

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SUMMARY

Executive summary: The proposed text to 8.1.4.2.1, which introduces an inspection period of min. two years or a permissible period of use of max. 5 years, should be modified in order to make it clear that a max. permissible period of use is an alternative to a system relying on inspection by authorities.

Action to be taken: Modify the proposal to 8.1.4.2.1 presented by Germany.

Related documents: TRANS/WP.15/2002/9 and INF. 32 from 71. Session

Introduction

Tests of fire extinguishers carried out in October 2001 in Germany and Belgium showed no difference in performance between extinguishers, regardless of whether they had been inspected or not. As indicated in the German proposal, a system with a max. permissible period of use of up to 5 years should be introduced as an *alternative* to an inspection period.

Proposal

The third paragraph of 8.1.4.2.1 should read as follows:

“The serviceability of the portable fire extinguishers may alternatively be assured by a maximum permissible period of use of up to 5 years, provided that a visual inspection is made regularly by the owner of the vehicle or the driver”.

Justification and safety implications

The proposed text is only clarified.

