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**PROVISIONS CONCERNING LOADING, UNLOADING AND HANDLING**

**Section 7.5.1**

**Transmitted by the Government of Belgium \*/**

**1. Introduction**

During the session of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15) held in Geneva from 19 to 23 May 2003, the Belgian document INF. 9 concerning the correct interpretation of sub-section 7.5.1.1 has been discussed. At the end, it has been suggested that the Belgian delegate should introduce a document on this subject at the Joint Meeting session, because of the multimodal character of the problem raised (see TRANS/WP.15/174, paras. 22-26).

**2. Background**

According to section 7.5.1 of ADR, the vehicle and its driver shall comply with the regulatory provisions upon arrival at the loading and unloading sites ; the loading or unloading shall not be carried out if an examination of the documents and a visual inspection of the vehicle and its equipment reveal certain infractions or deficiencies.

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The question whether container terminals (for instance a road-rail terminal) are subject to section 7.5.1 or not has been raised several times in Belgium. Although it has been argued that in these terminals the containers and tank-containers are manipulated but not loaded and unloaded, Belgium is of the opinion that section 7.5.1 of ADR applies to these sites.

### **3. Discussion point**

To eliminate this ambiguity, the Government of Belgium has the intention to introduce a proposal. It is therefore interested to know the opinion of the other Member States and Contracting Parties with regard to this subject.

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