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Information paper from the Government of Portugal

Related Documents: TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/49 (Belgium)
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/61 (Portugal)
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/64 (Austria)

The Government of Portugal considers that the three formal proposals that were submitted on the item on the agenda should be examined jointly and recommends that some minor amendments be made to the available texts.

1. As regards introductory notes 1 and 2 of the chapter

Portugal agrees with Austria's proposal to replace the term «to address» with «to regulate in a uniform manner» in the first sentence of NOTE 1.

Portugal suggests amending the text proposed in NOTE 2 in the document TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/61, as follows:

«NOTE 2: For the purposes of this Chapter, security means the measures or precautions to be taken to minimise theft, or the improper use or intentional misuse of dangerous goods that may endanger persons, goods or the environment.»

2. As regards paragraph 1.x1.1

Portugal agrees with the text proposed by Belgium for this paragraph.

3. As regards paragraph 1.x.1.1.3

Portugal acknowledges that the text proposed by Austria is clearer. Therefore, Portugal withdraws the text that it has proposed, though suggesting simpler wording as follows:

«The managers of terminals, vehicle depots, berthing areas, and marshalling yards, should seek to ensure that sites for temporary storage used during the carriage of dangerous goods, should be properly secured and well lit, and should not be accessible to the general public. »

4. As regards paragraph 1.x.3.1

Portugal considers that the reservations Belgium and Austria have regarding this paragraph are relevant. Nevertheless, the reference to the list in table 1.x.1 should be kept (or placed elsewhere).

5. As Regards sub-paragraph 1.x.3.2.2 b)

Portugal agrees with Belgium's proposal to replace the word «transported» with «involved».

6. As regards sub-paragraph 1.x.3.2.2 h)

Portugal agrees with the text proposed by Belgium for this sub-paragraph and considers the text proposed by Austria less clear.

7. As regards paragraph 1.x.3.3

Portugal agrees with Austria's proposal to delete this paragraph, which also corresponds to the third possibility put forward by Belgium.

8. As regards table 1.x.1

Portugal agrees with a basic proposal put forward by Belgium to remove inflammable gases «in bulk», inflammable liquids «in bulk» of packing group II, and ammonium nitrate fertilisers from the list.

Portugal also agrees with Austria on the need to review the quantities of the goods provided for by both the table and Chapter 8.5 as well as with the proposal to delete NOTE 1 and revise the description of certain entries in the list itself.
