

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the
Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
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PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE TEXT OF RID/ADR

**Training of persons involved in the carriage of dangerous goods,
Scope and applicability (1.3.1)**

Transmitted by the Government of Sweden

Introduction

According to the existing provisions in 1.3.1, persons whose duties concern carriage of dangerous goods **shall receive** training in the requirements concerning dangerous goods appropriate to their responsibilities. The objective of this provision is very desirable. However, as the provision is stated today some problems have arisen in Sweden.

During enforcement, Swedish police discovered a company not complying with the provision in 1.3.1. The case was forwarded to trial where a sentence was passed that stated it is sufficient for the company to promise that persons shall receive training sometime in the future. To summarize, persons whose duties entail carriage of dangerous goods need not actually have training as long as they state they will receive training in the future. The expert from Sweden is of the opinion this isn't the intent of the provision.

Therefore the expert from Sweden wants to make a minor change to this provision. We would like the provision in 1.3.1 to follow structure used in 8.2.3:

Training of persons other than the drivers holding a certificate in accordance with 8.2.1, involved in the carriage of dangerous goods by road

Persons whose duties concern the carriage of dangerous goods by road **shall have received** training in the requirements governing the carriage of such goods appropriate to their responsibilities and duties according to Chapter 1.3.etc

Proposal

Amend the present text of 1.3.1 as follows (change; shown in bold and italics):

Scope and applicability

Persons employed by the participants referred to in Chapter 1.4, whose duties entail the carriage of dangerous goods, shall **have received** training in the requirements governing the carriage of such goods appropriate to their responsibilities and duties. Training requirements specific to security of dangerous goods in Chapter 1.10 shall also be addressed.

Safety and enforcement issues

There are no safety issues which result from the proposal and enforceability will be simplified.
