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Agenda item 6 (a)

PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

Chapter 3.4: Orientation arrows for goods packed in limited quantities

Comments on ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/2

Transmitted by the Government of Austria

Austria submitted document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/2 concerning orientation arrows for LQ at the last Joint Meeting with the following result (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/106):

"17. The Joint Meeting considered that the proposal by Austria concerned all modes of transport and therefore should first be submitted to the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. It was also noted that the provisions of paragraph 4.1.1.5 were applicable to the carriage of limited quantities."

Meanwhile Austria has done so. The SC's opinion expressed in the report of its meeting in July (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/62) is that orientation arrows are already required for LQ by the UN Model Regulations:

"65. The Sub-Committee considered that the proposed additional sentence at the end of section 3.4.8 was unnecessary because orientation arrows are already required for goods packed in limited quantities when relevant. As stated in the last sentence of 3.4.1, all provisions of the Model Regulations apply to the transport of dangerous goods packed in limited quantities except as specifically provided in Chapter 3.4, and therefore the marking provisions of 5.2.1.7, which are not exempted according to Chapter 3.4, are applicable."

In the light of this consideration, Austria would like document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/2 to be put again on the agenda for the September 2007 Joint Meeting.
