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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Chapter 8.2: Requirements concerning the training of the vehicle crew

Comments in response to ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2009/14 from the United Kingdom

Transmitted by the Government of Sweden

Introduction

1. In document 2009/14 United Kingdom proposes to include transitional measures to 31 December 2011 for the issue of the new driver's certificate, and for the purpose to allow continued use thereafter of the existing certificates until their expiry dates. Sweden supports this principle, but is of the opinion that the proposed time limit is too short. Adapting or replacing the countries current systems with these new provisions will take time, not only in setting up practical arrangements but also in reaching necessary agreements with other authorities or organizations that might be involved in processing these new certificates.

2. We also believe that there might be a need for a transitional period for the implementation of these new training provisions that goes in line with the transitional period for the issuing of the certificate.

Proposal

Add two new transitional periods in Chapter 1.6 with the following wording:

“1.6.x.x Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 8.2.1 and 8.2.2, Contracting Parties may continue to apply, until 31 December 2012 at the latest, the requirements in Sections 8.2.1 and 8.2.2 of ADR applicable up to 31 December 2010.”

“1.6.x.x Driver's certificates issued before 1 January 2013 in accordance with the requirements of 8.2.2.8 in force up to 31 December 2010, but which are not in accordance with the requirements of 8.2.2.8 applicable as from 1 January 2011, continue to be valid until the end of their 5 years validity.”
