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Sub-section 8.2.1.4: Training of drivers

Transmitted by the Governments of Sweden and Spain¹

Summary

Executive summary:	Sub-section 8.2.1.4 contains some superfluous text and references that might lead to confusion.
Action to be taken:	Amend sub-section 8.2.1.4.
Related documents:	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2010/16 (Sweden) ECE/TRANS/WP.15/208 (Report of the eighty-ninth session of WP.15)

Introduction

1. In this document, Sweden and Spain propose to streamline the text in sub-section 8.2.1.4. In sub-section 8.2.1.4, it is proposed to delete all the references within brackets and to delete the text concerning MEMUs. The reasons are the following:

- At the eighty-ninth session of the Working Party, S1 in Chapter 8.5 was amended since it held some requirements that were already stated in the general requirements in Section 8.2.1. Inter alia, the general exemption for drivers of vehicles carrying

¹ The present document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 1(c) of the terms of reference of the Working Party, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1, which provides a mandate to “develop and update the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)”.

Class 1, Division 1.4, compatibility group S, was deleted since this is already stated in sub-section 8.2.1.4. However, the reference to S1 was never removed, therefore we propose to delete this.

- The requirements in sub-section 8.2.1.4 states that drivers of vehicles carrying Class 1 shall attend specialization training course covering at least the subjects defined in 8.2.2.3.4 or 8.2.2.3.5. This means that if Class 1 is carried, the driver must have specialization training regardless of which type of vehicle that is being used (EX/II, EX/III or MEMU) or whether the load only consists of Class 1 or of a mixed load of Class 1 and Class 5.1. For this reason, we cannot see the need to repeat this requirement for drivers of MEMUs.
- There is a reference in 8.2.1.4 to sub-section 7.5.5.2.3 related to MEMUs. However, 7.5.5.2.3 does not hold any requirements that seem relevant to refer to in section 8.2.1 why we propose to delete it.
- The reference to S11 and S12 is misleading, as it may be understood that S11 and S12 is applicable in all cases. Correct application of S11 and S12 is only granted when they are referenced under the applicable UN numbers.
- Lastly, it is proposed to add the words “as applicable” at the end. The current text actually allows drivers to choose between the specialization training course defined in 8.2.2.3.4 and 8.2.2.3.5.

Proposal

2. Amend sub-section 8.2.1.4 to read as follows (changes underlined or stricken out):

“Drivers of vehicles carrying dangerous goods ~~substances or articles~~ of Class 1, other than substances and articles of Division 1.4, compatibility group S, ~~(see S1 in Chapter 8.5)~~, ~~drivers of MEMU carrying mixed loads of substances or articles of Class 1 and substances of Class 5.1 (see 7.5.5.2.3) and drivers of vehicles carrying certain radioactive material or Class 7 (see S11 and S12 in Chapter 8.5)~~ shall attend specialization training courses covering at least the subjects defined in 8.2.2.3.4 or 8.2.2.3.5, as applicable.”

Justification

Safety:	No problems are foreseen. The intention is not to change the requirements, but only to streamline the text.
Feasibility:	No problems are foreseen.
Enforceability:	No problems are foreseen.
