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Proposals for amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR:

Miscellaneous proposals

Proposed amendment to the general information required in the transport document in 5.4.1.1.1 (k)

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Summary

Executive summary:	5.4.1.1.1 (k) should require the inclusion of the mention “(–)” in the transport document in order to facilitate passage of the dangerous goods concerned through tunnels subject to restrictions.
Action to be taken:	Amend the text of 5.4.1.1.1 (k).

Introduction

1. The description of Column (15) in 3.2.1 states that, “When no tunnel restriction code has been assigned, this is indicated by the mention ‘(–)’.” According to 5.4.1.1.1 (k), only the tunnel restriction code given in Column (15) of Table A of Chapter 3.2, where assigned, is required in the transport document. However, vehicles carrying entries for which the mention “(–)” has been assigned in Column (15) of Table A (UN Nos. 3077, 1043, 2814, 2900, 2919, 3077, 3082, 3166, 3171, 3291, 3331, 3359) in quantities exceeding the maximum total quantities given in 1.1.3.6.3 must bear an orange-coloured plate marking. The presence of an orange-coloured plate marking without any mention in respect of tunnel restrictions in the transport document could prove problematic during passage in tunnels subject to restrictions. Even if bearing orange-coloured plate markings, such loads are not subject to tunnel restrictions because of the mention “(–)” in Column (15) of Table A. However, since 5.4.1.1.1 (k) does not specifically require the inclusion of the mention “(–)”, there is no

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information in the transport document to allow the inspection authorities and carriers to decide whether a load bearing an orange-coloured plate marking is permitted to enter a tunnel subject to restrictions.

2. We are of the view that explicit inclusion of the mention “(—)” would facilitate decision-making for all concerned in respect of passage in a tunnel subject to restrictions if it were required in the same way as the tunnel restriction code is required when it is known beforehand that the vehicle will pass through tunnels subject to restriction.

3. To facilitate the passage of the dangerous goods concerned through tunnels subject to restrictions, we propose amending 5.4.1.1.1 (k) as follows:

Proposal

10. Amend 5.4.1.1.1 (k) as follows (added text **in bold and underlined**; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~):

“5.4.1.1.1 (k) where assigned, the tunnel restriction code in capitals and within parentheses **or the mention ‘(—)’** given in Column (15) of Table A of Chapter 3.2. The tunnel restriction code **or the mention ‘(—)’** need not be added in the transport document where the carriage is known beforehand not to pass through a tunnel with restrictions for carriage of dangerous goods.”
