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Any other business

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References to “competent authorities”

Note by the secretariat

References to “competent authorities” in parts 8 and 9 of ADR

1. As a follow-up to the discussion at the Joint Meeting about the references to competent authorities in RID/ADR/ADN and as requested by the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/244, paragraph 27), the secretariat compiled in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2019/23 a table with instances where the term “competent authority” appears in Parts 8 and 9 of ADR 2019. This document was considered by the Working Party at its 107th session (November 2019) (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/248, paragraph 84).

2. The Working Party reviewed these references, proposed some amendments to clarify the text and requested the secretariat to submit in 2020 a document considering the comments received with a view to clarify the references, where appropriate, for ADR 2023.

References to “competent authorities” in parts 1-7 of RID/ADR/ADN

3. At its autumn 2018 session (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/152, paragraphs 57-59), the Joint Meeting agreed to entrust the review of the references to competent authorities in parts 1-7 of RID/ADR/ADN to an informal working group. This informal working group should consider the questions raised in informal document INF.21 prepared by the secretariat for that session. The discussions of the informal working group on the inspection and certification of tanks on matters related to references to competent authorities should also be considered. Interested delegations were invited to propose the terms of reference for this work to the Joint Meeting at its March 2019 session.

4. The Working Party would welcome further information from the Joint Meeting on the status of the work on the references in parts 1-7.
