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**Note by the Secretariat**

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**Excerpts from the draft report of the 84<sup>th</sup> session of WP.15**

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**PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR**

**Questions pending**

Informal documents: INF.5, INF.7, INF.8, INF.9 and Add.1 and INF.10 (Secretariat)

8. The Working Party adopted the additional amendments proposed by the Secretariat in informal documents INF.5 and INF.7 for entry into force on 1 January 2009, as well as the corrections to the amendments already adopted (INF.7, INF.8, INF.9 and Add.1 and INF.10). (See annex ...).
9. It was explained that the editorial changes proposed in informal document INF.10 with a view to aligning ADR with the text of the second revised edition of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals did not alter the classification procedure for environmentally hazardous substances. The changes had been taken into account in preparing the amendments to ADN and would be submitted to the RID Committee of Experts at its forty-fifth session, so that they could be reflected in the 2009 edition of RID. The proposed corrections would also be submitted to the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

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## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Draft European directive**

10. The Working Party noted that the adoption by the European Union authorities of the “consolidated” directive applicable to all land transport modes might take place in June 2008, for incorporation on 30 June 2009, subject to its approval on second reading by the European Parliament.

### **Outstanding issues**

Informal documents: INF.25 (Secretariat)  
INF.28 (France and United Kingdom)

11. The Working Party adopted corrections to the previously adopted amendments proposed by the Secretariat in informal document INF.25 and by France and the United Kingdom in informal document INF.28 (see annex ...).

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### **Spring 2008 session of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting**

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/110 (Report of the Joint Meeting)  
Informal documents: INF.15 and INF.24 (Secretariat)

13. The Working Party adopted the proposals for amendments to ADR listed in part A of annex II to the report of the Joint Meeting and scheduled to enter into force on 1 January 2009, with one change concerning the date of compulsory application of standard EN 14025:2008 and with the exception of the introduction of standard EN 13094:2008, which must still be approved by the Joint Meeting (see annex ...).

### **New proposals for amendments to enter into force on 1 January 2009**

Informal document: INF.6 (Secretariat)

14. The proposal by Switzerland to extend the scope of the fifth indent in 1.8.3.13 to UN No. 3475 was adopted (see annex ...).

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Informal document: INF.13 (IRU)

16. The proposal by IRU to extend the scope of the fifth indent of 1.8.3.13 to UN No. 1268 and 1863 was adopted (see annex ...).

17. Since delegations also indicated support for the idea that safety advisors should no longer be entitled to receive professional training certificates exclusively for petroleum products, the representative of the United Kingdom indicated that he might put forward a proposal to that effect at the next session.

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## **Pending issues**

32. The Working Party confirmed the addition of a non-binding reference in ADR to the European Commission's code of best practice for handling and stowage, as adopted at the previous session (see annex ...).
33. In response to a question from the Russian Federation, the representative of the European Commission said that the code was being translated into all the official languages of the European Union and that it would also be translated into Russian.

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Informal document: INF.3 (Secretariat)

39. The Working Party took note of the report of the Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Inland Transport Security and of the Committee's request that it assess the implementation of chapter 1.10, with the assistance of the other relevant international organizations.
40. It was noted that the issue of security had been a constant item on the Working Party's agenda.
41. The Working Party noted that the European Commission was carrying out a study of the application and suitability of the security requirements for the three land transport modes and that the report containing the findings of that study would probably be finalised in October 2008.
42. The Chair said that he would circulate an evaluation questionnaire, similar to that used by the European Commission for its study, to Contracting Parties to ADR which were not members of the European Union.
43. He also said that he would report as fully as possible on the situation in the Multidisciplinary Group of Experts; it was the view of the Working Party, however, that it was not realistic to expect detailed findings on the application of the requirements in all the Contracting Parties by December.

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Informal document: INF.14 (United Kingdom)

48. The Working Party adopted the United Kingdom's proposal with some amendments. The aim of the proposal was to make the provisions of Chapter 1.10 applicable to the articles of UN Nos. 0366, 0441, 0455, 0456 and 0500 (see annex...).

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## **Guidelines for the calculation of risks**

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2008/6 (Germany)

53. The Working Party thanked the representative of Germany for his work on adapting the guidelines adopted by the RID Committee of Experts to road transport in order to assess the risks in the carriage of dangerous goods by rail. The document prepared had the advantage of providing the competent authorities with a tool to determine and justify any transport restrictions that might apply on their territory.

54. The proposal to add a non-binding reference in ADR to these guidelines for the calculation of risks was adopted with some amendments (see annex ...).
55. As the Working Party wished to leave itself time to study the contents of these guidelines in detail, it decided to keep this reference in square brackets.
56. The representative of Germany asked those delegations who so wished to send him their comments on the contents of this document quickly so that he could submit a revised version to the next session if necessary.

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Informal document: INF.31 (Sweden)

64. The Working Party agreed that paragraph 1.6.1.13 adopted for a date of entry into force of 1 January 2009 could contradict the existing paragraph 1.6.1.8. A proposal to clarify the text of 1.6.1.13 on the basis of the principles agreed at the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting was adopted on the basis of a draft prepared in the session (see annex ...).
65. Some delegations mentioned the fact that a transitional provision should also be provided for the application of 5.3.2.2.5. This matter could be raised at the next RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting.

Informal document: INF.32 (Germany)

66. Most of the amendments relating to Class 7 proposed in document INF.32 had already been taken into account in the draft amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR for a date of entry into force of 1 January 2009.
67. The representative of Germany was invited to submit the other amendments proposed to IAEA and to the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

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## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Information concerning the UNECE's website**

Informal document: INF.4 (Sweden)

69. Based on information that it would be sent by the delegations, the Working Party invited the Secretariat to include on its website an e-mail address at which the competent authorities could be contacted as well as links to the different language versions of ADR that might be available online, or any information indicating how these versions could be obtained.

## **Excerpts from the Annex to the draft report of the 84<sup>th</sup> session of WP.15 (adopted texts)**

Note by the Secretariat: The following presentation of the amendments adopted by WP.15 deviates from the original UNECE text.

### Corrections to document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/195

**1.6.1.13** Amend to read as follows:

**"1.6.1.13** For vehicles first registered or which first entered into service before 1 January 2009, the requirements of 5.3.2.2.1 and 5.3.2.2.2 that the plate, numbers and letters shall remain affixed irrespective of the orientation of the vehicle may not be applied until 31 December 2009."

[Ref. doc.: INF.31]

**1.6.4.13** Amend the amendment to read as follows:

**"1.6.4.13** Replace "and special provision TE15 of 6.8.4 (b) applicable as from 1 January 2003" with:

"applicable as from 1 January 2003 and special provision TE15 of 6.8.4 (b) applicable from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2006".

[Ref. doc.: INF.25 (see also RID document OTIF/RID/CE/2008/13)]

### **3.3.1**

#### **SP 188**

Amend the amendment concerning paragraph (b) to read as follows:

"In (b), replace "aggregate lithium-equivalent content is not more than 8 g;" with:

"Watt-hour rating is not more than 100 Wh. Lithium ion batteries subject to this provision shall be marked with the Watt-hour rating on the outside case, except those manufactured before 1 January 2009 which may be carried in accordance with this special provision and without this marking until 31 December 2010;".

[Ref. doc.: INF.7 (see also RID document OTIF/RID/CE/2008/7) as amended]

**6.2.3.6.2** Delete.

[Ref. doc.: INF.28]

Documents INF.9 and INF.9/Add.1 (see also RID document OTIF/RID/CE/2008/9) adopted.

Document INF.10 (see also RID document OTIF/RID/CE/2008/10) adopted.

Document INF.15 (see also RID document OTIF/RID/CE/2008/11) adopted with the following amendments:

**6.8.2.6** Delete the square brackets for the standard EN 14025:2008.

In columns (4) and (5) for standard EN 14025:2008, replace "1 January 2008" with:

"1 July 2008".

Delete the amendment concerning standard EN 13094:2004.

New amendments for entry into force on 1 January 2009

**1.1.3.6.2** Amend the first indent to read as follows:

"– Chapter 1.10 except for Class 1 explosives of Division 1.4 with UN Nos. 0104, 0237, 0255, 0267, 0289, 0361, 0365, 0366, 0440, 0441, 0455, 0456 and 0500 (see first indent of 1.1.3.6.2);".

[Ref. doc.: INF.14]

**1.10.4** Amend the first sentence to read as follows:

"In accordance with the provisions of 1.1.3.6, the requirements of 1.10.1, 1.10.2, 1.10.3 and 8.1.2.1 (d) do not apply when the quantities carried in packages on a transport unit do not exceed those referred to in 1.1.3.6.3, except for UN Nos. 0104, 0237, 0255, 0267, 0289, 0361, 0365, 0366, 0440, 0441, 0455, 0456 and 0500."

**1.6.3.20** Replace "and special provision TE15 of 6.8.4 (b) applicable as from 1 January 2003" with:

"applicable as from 1 January 2003 and special provision TE15 of 6.8.4 (b) applicable from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2006".

[Ref. doc.: INF.25 (see also RID document OTIF/RID/CE/2008/13)]

**1.8.3.13** In the fifth indent, replace "and 1223" with:

", 1223, 3475 and aviation fuel classified under UN Nos. 1268 or 1863".

[Ref. doc.: INF.6 (see also RID document OTIF/RID/CE/2008/6) as amended and INF.13, paragraph 6)

At the end, add a new paragraph to read as follows:

"Certificates of training as safety advisers delivered before 1 January 2009 for UN Nos. 1202, 1203 and 1223 are also valid for UN No. 3475 and aviation fuel classified under UN Nos. 1268 or 1863."

[Ref. doc.: INF.6 (see also RID document OTIF/RID/CE/2008/6) as amended]

Add a new paragraph 6.2.3.6.2 to read as follows:

**6.2.3.6.3** If the country of approval is not a Contracting Party to ADR, the competent authority mentioned in 6.2.1.7.2 shall be the competent authority of a Contracting Party to ADR."

[Ref. doc.: INF.5 (see also RID document OTIF/RID/CE/2008/5) as amended]