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Introduction

1. In relation with document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2012/3 the introduction of the new possibilities for restricted basic courses offers a range of new possibilities. Switzerland wants to share his views with the other delegations of WP.15 about the scope of those new possibilities.
 2. Following the meaning of the last sentence of 8.2.1.2 and 8.2.1.3 it seems that drivers not having followed a complete basic training course for all classes are not authorized to follow a course of specialization of classes 1, 7 and for tanks.
 3. On the other hand the ADR allows basic training courses limited to specific dangerous goods or to a specific class or classes without specifying which specific dangerous goods or classes are meant. Furthermore in the ADR driver training certificate it is allowed to enter Class or UN Number(s) specifying the scope of the training received. All this without excluding any UN-Number or class. In other words a driver can follow a basic training course for example for UN Number 2916 or for Class 7 and receive an ADR certificate specifying only UN 2916 or Class 7 but not containing other classes. In such a case a driver would be allowed to carry either only the UN 2916 or only Class 7 products but not other classes. In that cases the driver will not have followed a complete basic training course followed by a specialization course for Class 7 and will not be allowed to carry other dangerous goods of other classes. The same applies for Class 1.
 4. The only difference between drivers having followed a complete basic training course followed by a specialization course and those having only followed a restricted basic course is that the former are allowed to carry other dangerous goods as those of the specialization course (for example Class 2 to 9) and the second ones are only allowed to carry goods of the specific trained UN Number or Class (UN 2916 or Class 7 only).
 5. The two kind of drivers can be easily identified through the information on the ADR driver training certificate. For drivers having followed a complete basic training course followed by a specialization course for class 7, the classes 2 until 9 will appear on the ADR certificate. Instead, for drivers having followed only a restricted basic course for Class 7 (or for a UN Number 2916) only Class 7 (or UN 2916) will appear on the ADR certificate.
 6. Switzerland wants to know if this interpretation is also shared by the other delegations of the WP.15.
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