International ADR Expert - Meeting on Dangerous Goods Groupings for Road Tunnel Regulations (Feldkirch 12th-14th May 2003)

At the seventy-third session of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UN/ECE/TRANS/WP.15) held in Geneva from 4 to 8 November 2002 it was decided that a table be inserted in Chapter 1.9 of ADR containing, in grouped form, the various categories of dangerous goods to which reference would be made in order to achieve a harmonized approach to restrictions on traffic in tunnels. A summary of the discussion on the issue can be found in §§ 55-60 of the report under http://www.unece.org/trans/doc/2002/wp15/TRANS-WP15-172e.doc.

The representative of Austria offered to organize an informal group of experts the mandate of which would be:

1. To define in greater depth the substances and types of load (packages, bulk, tanks) to be included in each group, taking into account the OECD/PIARC criteria;

2. To introduce provisions explaining more clearly the meaning of the table;

3. Possibly to introduce these provisions into other sections, e.g. Part 8, so as to facilitate their implementation by drivers;

4. Possibly to provide the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) with a system of road signs and signals at the entrance to tunnels so as to enable the groups permitted in the tunnel to be identified;

5. To provide a system to allow checks, e.g. by vehicle marking, documentation, or otherwise.
The Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (Division II/ST8) herewith invites you to this meeting, which shall take place at Feldkirch (Vorarlberg) from 12th to 14th May 2003.

The working language of the meeting will be English.

Working documents for the meeting will be

1. the restructured ADR applicable as from 1st January 2003 (ISBN 92-1-139078-8)
2. the proposal on which the decision of WP.15 was based (TRANS/WP.15/2002/21, see http://www.unece.org/trans/doc/2002/wp15/TRANS-WP15-2002-21e.doc),
3. the OECD / PIARC study on Transport of Dangerous Goods through Road Tunnels (ISBN 926419651X, see http://www.oecd.org/pdf/M00022000/M00022642.pdf for highlights)
4. written proposals in accordance with the mandate of the working group which should be provided by the participants and sent by mail to gustav.kafka@bmvit.gv.at until March 28th 2003 at the latest.

The venue of the meeting will be:

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Rooms in the Hotel Bären will be available for participants at the meeting at a price of about € 65.- per person and day, incl. breakfast, when reserved before February 15th 2003.

Rooms are also available at the Holiday Inn Feldkirch, Leonhardsplatz, 2, A-6800 Feldkirch, which is in walking distance from the conference venue, at a price of about € 85.- per person and day, incl. breakfast, which should also be reserved before February 15th 2003 (E-Mail: reservation@holiday-inn-feldkirch.com, Fax: 05522/78646, Tel: 05522/74600)

In order for us to obtain an estimate of the number of participants and written proposals we kindly request to complete the annexed registration form until February 28th 2003 at the latest.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting in Vorarlberg i.e. in a province where several longer tunnels are situated.

Annex:
Address List
Registration Form
Best regards

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