8.2.2 DURATION OF THE REFRESHER TRAINING FOR DRIVERS

Transmitted by the Government of Austria

At its seventy-fourth session (19-23 May 2003), the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15) decided that driver refresher training should still take place at five-yearly intervals but that it would last for a total of at least two days (see TRANS/WP.15/174, para. 34 and TRANS/WP.15/174/Add. 2).

Having reconsidered this result of the discussions, the opinion of the Government of Austria is that this longer duration can be seen as justified in the case of drivers who in their initial training participated not only in a basic course but also in a specialization course for carriage in tanks. In other cases, it is disproportional to the duration of the initial training.

It is therefore proposed to modify the provisionally adopted text as follows:

8.2.2.5.3 Amend to read:

“The duration of the refresher training including individual practical exercises shall be of at least two days for the renewal of certificates the validity of which includes carriage in tanks and of at least one day for the renewal of other certificates.”