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TRAINING OF DRIVERS

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SUMMARY

Executive summary: The duration of the ADR refresher training has been fixed in 8.2.2.5.3 to

two days. No transitional period has been foreseen on order to take account of the adaptation to the new situation. A transitional period

would be desirable.

Action to be taken: Introduce a transitional period for the enforcement of the new duration

of the refresher training.

Related documents: TRANS/WP.15/178.

1. Introduction

The duration of the refresher courses in 8.2.2.5.3 has been fixed at 2 days. No transitional period for the adaptation to this new situation has been foreseen. The courses for 2005 are fixed a long time in advance. Furthermore, following 8.2.2.6.1 ADR this modification of course is subjected to a new agreement form the competent authority. Following 8.2.2.6.2 this only happens on writing. The preparation of these new registration documents and their verification from the competent authority could last a certain time. It is not self evident that the transitional period of 1.6.1.1 could apply in this case. Furthermore, there is little chance that this procedure would be finished in less than 6 month. For these reasons, we propose do introduce a transitional period for the enforcement of the new provisions.

2. Proposition

Introduce the new text:

1.6.1.X The refresher courses which duration corresponds to the provisions of 8.2.2.5.3 in force until 31 December 2004 can continue to be done until [1 January 2006].

The WP.15 may fix the more appropriate date.