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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Amendment to 8.1.5: Miscellaneous equipment

Transmitted by the Government of Belgium

Introduction

Paragraph 8.1.5 (a) stipulates that every transport unit carrying dangerous goods shall be equipped with: “a pocket lamp (**see also 8.3.4**) for each member of the vehicle crew;”.

Paragraph 8.3.4 reads: “... the lighting apparatus used shall not exhibit any metal surface liable to produce sparks.”

The meaning of this reference to paragraph 8.3.4 is not at all clear, and it is therefore advisable to clarify the link between the two sections.

Proposal

Amend paragraph 8.1.5 (a), fourth indent, to read:

“- A pocket lamp **in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 8.3.4** for each member of the vehicle crew;”

Justification

If an inspection of the load is conducted using a pocket lamp, it is highly desirable that the pocket lamp should at least be made of plastic material and conform to the requirements of paragraph 8.3.4.

The use of a pocket lamp that does not conform to the requirements is considered to be a Category I infringement according to Directive 2004/112 on road checks.

Consequences

The great majority of drivers have the appropriate equipment. The cost of this equipment is negligible in comparison with damage in the event of an accident.
