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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

Comment on ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2006/32

Transmitted by the Government of France

1. We are not opposed to a clarification concerning the duties of the person who unloads dangerous goods, although we think that this could be covered more simply by precising the duties of the consignee.

2. However we think that the proposal in 2006/32 needs some precisions concerning the obligations of the consignee. As a matter of fact, the unloader if he is not the consignee is acting on the consignee’s premises, and it may even be the carrier. In this case it may be difficult for him to get the equipment necessary to perform his duties.

3. We propose to add the following paragraph to the consignee’s obligations:

“the consignee shall ensure that the equipment necessary for the unloader to perform the duties defined in 1.4.3.x is available on his facilities.”