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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Comments on the Norwegian proposal in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2006/16 regarding Chapter 8.5, S1(6), Supervision of vehicles

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SUMMARY

Executive Summary: Comments on document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2006/16

Action to be taken: Based on document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2006/16;
Delete S14 to S21 in 1.1.3.6.2
Add a provision analogous to 1.10.4 in 8.4

Related documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190, para. 21 - para.24
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2006/16

Introduction

1. At WP.15’s eighty-first session, it was decided to keep the Norwegian proposal ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2006/16 on the agenda for the eighty-second session, and it was decided that any comments were to be submitted in writing for this session.
2. In document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2006/16 Norway states that the limits set in S1(6) and S14 to S21 of Chapter 8.5 “need to be updated to be in conformity with the rationale behind the introduction of Chapter 1.10 on security provisions”.

3. According to 1.10.4 and partially to 1.1.3.6.2 “the requirements of 1.10.1, 1.10.2, 1.10.3 and 8.1.2.1 (d) do not apply when the quantities carried in packages (...) in tanks or in bulk on a transport unit do not exceed those referred to in 1.1.3.6.3”.

4. There is no such exception for the provisions concerning the supervision of vehicles. 1.1.3.6.2 explicitly says that Chapter 8.4, S1 (6) and S14 to S21 of Chapter 8.5 remain applicable. During the discussion of his document the delegate from Norway pointed out that, having in mind this, he did not reflect at all whether any modification could be reasonable.

5. Currently only for a few dangerous goods the limits according to 8.5 are lower than those according to 1.1.3.6.3. The amendment proposed by Norway would shift this to hundreds and create enormous differences to 1.10. The following proposal tries to achieve the aim of ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2006/16.

Proposal related to ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2006/16 of Norway

6. In 1.1.3.6.2 delete “and S14 to S21”.

7. In 8.4 add the following new paragraph at the end:

“In accordance with the provisions of 1.1.3.6, the requirements of this chapter do not apply when the quantities carried in packages on a transport unit do not exceed those referred to in 1.1.3.6.3. In addition, the requirements of this chapter do not apply when the quantities carried in tanks or in bulk on a transport unit do not exceed those referred to in 1.1.3.6.3.”.

Safety:

8. The proposal maintains approximately the current level.

Enforceability:

9. It is easier to control only marked vehicles, whether they are duly supervised.