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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Part 9 of ADR

Comments on document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2007/5

Transmitted by the Government of Switzerland

SUMMARY

Executive summary: The requirement for an annual inspection of EX/II and EX/III trailer drawing vehicles should be retained.

Action to be taken: Transfer the requirement from the end of the first subparagraph of 9.1.2.3 to 7.2.4 V2 (2).

Introduction

1. The Government of Switzerland supports the proposal submitted by Germany in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2007/5. The Government of Switzerland wishes, however, to supplement it by retaining the requirement for EX/II and EX/III trailer drawing vehicles to be subject to an annual vehicle inspection.

Proposal

2. Transfer this requirement from the end of the first subparagraph of 9.1.2.3 to 7.2.4 V2 (2), which would then read as follows:

“(2) Trailers, except semi-trailers, which satisfy the requirements for EX/II and EX/III vehicles may be drawn by motor vehicles which do not satisfy those requirements. In that case, the drawing vehicles shall be subject to an annual technical inspection in their country of registration to make sure that they conform to the relevant requirements of Part 9, and to the general safety regulations (concerning brakes, lighting, etc.) in force in their country of registration.”

Justification

3. The current requirement for an annual inspection of EX/II and EX/III trailer drawing vehicles would not be removed.

4. Every drawing vehicle, whether of category M or N, would be subject to the relevant requirements of Part 9, in the case of EX/III trailers, for example, those of 9.2.3.1 and 9.2.2.6.3. Vehicles of category N would also be subject to the requirements of 9.2.1 (9.2.3.1.1 and 9.2.5).

5. The safety regulations mentioned in respect of EX trailers coupled to a drawing vehicle and relating to the brakes, electrical equipment and speed limitation device may not be circumvented, irrespective of whether the vehicles in question are EX/II or EX/III vehicles.

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