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Austrian comments to INF.19 (EIGA) and INF.31 (Belgium) commenting
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/9 (Austria)

As explained in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/9 the Joint Meeting asked Austria in March 2006 to clarify the meaning of “all applicable requirements of ADR” in paragraph 9 (a) of Packing Instruction P650 by proposing

1. an amendment for the UN Model Regulations and if this fails
2. a note for the text taken over by RID/ADR.

With ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/9 Austria intended to comply with the second request, yet its text is not correct as pointed out by EIGA and Belgium.

Furthermore Belgium proposes in INF.31 to replace the first sentence of paragraph 9 (a) of Packing Instruction P650 as a whole by a clear reference to P203 (12) of 4.1.4.1 for liquid nitrogen in accordance with SP 593. This is certainly one option. However, Austria prefers to be in line as far as possible with both the text of the UN Model Regulations and the request of the Joint Meeting.

Austria therefore proposed not to change but to supplement the text of paragraph 9 (a) of P650 by a note and submits now a corrected version reading:

“NOTE: There are no applicable requirements to be met for the media used to keep the substances cold if dry ice is used (see 2.2.9.1.14). For liquid nitrogen it is sufficient to comply with Chapter 3.3 Special Provision 593.”
