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**PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN\***

**Pending issues**

**Application of standards listed under 6.2.4**

**Transmitted by the Government of France**

**SUMMARY**

<b>Summary:</b>	The purpose of this document is to clarify the mandatory application of the standards listed under 6.2.4 in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/106/Add.2.
<b>Action to be taken:</b>	Amend 6.2.4 and 6.2.5.
<b>Related documents:</b>	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/106, para. 7, and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/106/Add.1, para. 13.

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## **Introduction**

1. New provisions were inserted in 6.2.3 to make it mandatory as from 2009 to apply the standards referred to in 6.2.2, which invalidate the national technical codes that may be used under 6.2.3 and that should no longer be used under RID/ADR 2009.
2. The text was adopted in the light of the amendments entering into force on 1 January 2007. We believe that both the introductory paragraph of 6.2.4 and 6.2.5 need to be recast for the 2009 version of RID/ADR.
3. At the Joint Meeting held in March 2007, a discussion took place, on the basis of document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/20, on similar provisions in Chapter 6.8, and the working group adopted amendments to 6.8.2.6 and 6.8.2.7.
4. We propose that the same amendments should be made to Chapter 6.2.

## **Proposal**

5. 6.2.4 Replace the introductory phrase (“The requirements of 6.2.1 and 6.2.3 are considered to have been complied with if the following standards, as relevant, are applied”) with:

“The following standards shall be applied to meet the requirements of 6.2.1 and 6.2.3, which shall prevail in all cases.”.

NOTA: The phrase “which shall prevail in all cases” should be inserted in 6.8.2.6, as adopted in March 2007.

- 6.2.5 Delete the first and second paragraphs.

Amend the third paragraph (new first paragraph) to read as follows:

“To reflect scientific and technical progress or where no standard is listed in 6.2.2 or 6.2.4, or to deal with specific aspects not addressed in a standard listed in 6.2.2 or 6.2.4, the competent authority may recognize the use of a technical code providing the same level of safety.”.

## **Justification**

Safety implications: no problem.

Feasibility: no problem.

Enforcement: this amendment is needed to avoid problems of application.

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