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Country information on the UNECE, Transport Division's website

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SUMMARY	
Executive summary:	Complementary information on the UNECE's (Transport Division) website would be desirable: Under the title "Country information" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an e-mail address to the main competent authority of each Contracting Party of ADR, and • a link to each country's ADR, translated into the country's official language, and/or a link to a website where this information easily could be found.
Action to be taken:	Updating the information published under the heading "Country Information" under the UNECE, Transport Division's website.
Related documents:	None

Background

Having access to an e-mail address to the main competent authority of each Contracting Party of ADR, would be very helpful in contacts between countries. E-mail contact speeds up the process of communication considerably and makes it more efficient.

Furthermore, we have had requests from enforcement bodies in Sweden, concerning access to other countries' ADR, translated into their official language. One reason is that the police (coast guard, etc) sometimes face problems when communicating with drivers from other countries. In these situations, it would be beneficial for both parties to have access to ADR in the driver's language. The police would then be able to show the driver the paragraph they are citing relevant to the offence in question.

For this reason, it would be very useful if those countries with ADR translated into their official language, would publish a link leading to ADR in the language in question, so that speakers of other languages can easily access the needed ADR translation.

Proposal

Under the title “Country information” on the UNECE, Transport Division’s website, complete the current information by adding the following details:

- an e-mail address to the main competent authority of each Contracting Party of ADR, and
- a link to each country’s ADR, translated into the country’s official language, and/or a link to a website where this information easily could be found.
