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**PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN**

Comments on the proposal from Belgium in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2008/12

Transmitted by the Government of Sweden

In Sweden, we have not faced any problems concerning the application of 1.1.3.1 (d) as described by Belgium in document 2008/12. Nevertheless, we sympathize with the request for clarification.

It seems like the scope of the exemption in 1.1.3.1 (d) varies depending on language versions, and that the meaning of the term used for “emergency service” differs between the English, French and German editions. We recall that this issue was dealt with during the Joint meeting in September 2005 (see documents 2005/38, INF.31 and INF.66), where the intent and the extent of this exemption was discussed.

Sweden’s position is that it is of great importance to keep an exemption that allows a rescue operation, with connected transport, to take place even if it is not urgent. Removing vehicle and goods in reasonable time is vital.

Our suggestion to solve the problem raised by Belgium is to amend the second indent in 1.1.3.1 (d) as follows:

- “to contain and recover the dangerous goods involved in an incident or accident and move them to **the nearest** safe place;”

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