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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Updating of Standards referred to in 8.1.4.3

Transmitted by the Government of Sweden *

SUMMARY

Executive Summary: EN 3-7:2004+A1:2007 supersedes standards EN 3-1:1996, EN 3-2:1996, EN 3-4:1996 and EN 3-5:1996.

Action to be taken: Amend the references in sub-paragraph 8.1.4.3.

Related documents: INF.19 (Sweden - 84th session), INF.17 (Secretariat - 85th) and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/199, paragraphs 50 – 51.

* The present document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 1 (c) of the terms of reference of the Working Party, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1, which provides a mandate to “Develop and update the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)”.

Background

1. In subparagraph 8.1.4.3, it is stated that the extinguishing agent shall comply with the relevant requirements of EN 3 Portable fire extinguishers, Parts 1 to 6. However, the standards EN 3-1:1996, EN 3-2:1996, EN 3-4:1996 and EN 3-5:1996 have been replaced by EN 3-7:2004+A1:2007.
2. During the eighty-fourth session of WP.15, Sweden proposed to update these references in 8.1.4.3. However, in order to give the Contracting Parties a possibility to verify the content of the proposed new standard, the secretariat would first consult the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) to be furnished with a copy of the new standard. The secretariat distributed this copy to all Contracting Parties during the eighty-fifth session of WP.15.
3. The Government of Sweden has consulted our expert on fire extinguishers concerning this issue. According to our expert, all the requirements covered in these replaced standards are also covered by the new standard. However, the new standard also covers Class F fire extinguishers. Nevertheless, since sub-paragraph 8.1.4.3 states that the extinguishing agent shall comply with the relevant requirements (inflammability classes A, B and C according to 8.1.4.1 (a)), we cannot see that this causes any problems.

Proposal

4. Amend the first paragraph in subparagraph 8.1.4.3 to read as follows:

“The extinguishing agent shall be suitable for use on a vehicle and shall comply with the relevant requirements of EN 3 Portable fire extinguishers, Parts 3, 6 and 7 (EN 3-3:1994, EN 3-6:1995 and EN 3-7:2004+A1:2007).”.
