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**Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B of ADR:
construction and approval of vehicles****Chapter 9.8: Requirement for thermal shields for MEMUs****Transmitted by the Government of Norway¹***Summary***Executive summary:** The purpose of this document is to clarify the property of thermal shields on MEMUs.**Action to be taken:** Amend the provisions in 9.8.7.2 for thermal shields.**Related document:** ECE/TRANS/WP.15/206, paragraphs 16-18;
Informal document INF.12 (Norway) of the eighty-eighth session.**Introduction**

1. At the eighty-eighth session, the Government of Norway submitted an informal document (INF.12) concerning metal thermal shields on MEMUs.
2. The question raised in the informal paper was whether the expression “thermal shields” also includes thermal shields of aluminium.

¹ 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)”.

3. Most of the delegations at the eighty-eighth session were of the opinion that aluminium was not appropriate for use as thermal shields.
4. The following proposal is to change the text in 9.8.7.2 to reflect this opinion.

Proposal

5. Modify 9.8.7.2 to read as follows:

“9.8.7.2 Protection of the load by steel ~~metal~~ thermal shields or other thermal shields of material with the same through burning property against tyre fire shall be provided.”.
