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Correction of special provision 584

Note by the secretariat

The secretariat reproduces hereafter paragraphs 42 and 43 of the report of the Joint Meeting on its autumn 2010 session (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/120) regarding the correction of special provision 584.

"9. Correction of special provision 584

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42. The representative of Austria pointed out that the correction of special provision 584, adopted at the previous session (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/118, para. 29 and annex III), had been added to the list of amendments for 2013. He requested that a correction procedure be carried out for 1 January 2011 since there was clearly an error (a liquefied gas could not be in the gaseous state), which had resulted from the restructuring process, when the former marginal 2201a (2) (b) had been incorrectly transposed into special provision 584.

43. It was reiterated that the procedure for correcting legal texts was relatively cumbersome and that the correction could not legally take effect on 1 January 2011. The Contracting Parties to RID, ADR and ADN were nevertheless invited to consider that, in practice, the exemption stipulated in that special provision was applicable to the liquefied gas not if it was in the gaseous state and contained not more than 0.5% air, but to the substance when liquefied, if in the gaseous state it would contain not more than 0.5% air.".

