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Standards

Establishment of an inter-session Working Group on Adoption Procedures for Standards in RID/ADR/ADN

Transmitted by Germany and CEN

Germany and CEN propose the following:

1. The Joint Meeting establishes an inter –session working group to prepare procedures for the Working Group of Standards complementing the

   “Revised Procedure of Cooperation with the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) to ensure conformity of EN standards with RID/ADR/ADN safety requirements for the purpose of incorporation by reference”

   as adopted by the Joint Meeting at its session in September 2005.

2. These procedures shall address all types of standards, EN-, EN/ ISO-, ISO-, IEC-, national and industry standards referenced or intended to be referenced in RID/ADR/ADN, which may be or may not be related to provisions of RID/ADR/ADN and under consideration of the reference text, which may require the obligatory or allow for the voluntary application of a standard as outlined in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2010/31 and INF.4.

3. These procedures shall
   – be suited to demonstrate compliance of any mandatory standard with RID/ADR/ADN,
   – keep compliance with the UN Model regulations as far as reasonable,
   – limit the workload of the Standards WG,
   – address the compliance of “normative references” in standards, claimed to be indispensible for the application of that standard and
   – the establishment of a scheme for a continuous update of all standard referenced in RID/ADR(ADN).

4. Germany would be prepared to host the meeting of this inter-session WG in Bonn under the chairmanship of the CEN- Consultant.