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Fire extinguishers and transitional measures

Transmitted by the Government of Switzerland

Summary

Introduce transitional measures for the existing fire extinguishers which do not conform to the standard EN 3-7:2004 + A1:2007 prescribed in 8.1.4.3 ADR 2011

Introduction

1. In the 8.1.4.3 of the ADR 2011 a new standard for fire extinguishers EN 3-7:2004 + A1:2007 has been adopted. However most of the vehicles are actually equipped with fire extinguishers following the standard EN 3-1:1996, EN 3-2:1996, EN 3-3:1994, EN 3-4:1996, N 3-5:1996, EN 3-6:1995 in force in the ADR until 31 December 2010. There is no safety reason justifying an immediate change of the existing fire extinguishers. For this reason we ask WP.15 if a commensurate transitional period could not be adopted for the old fire extinguishers.

2. If the WP.15 agrees on the opportunity of transitional measures the following text could be adopted:

Proposal

3. Fire extinguishers constructed before 1 July 2011 in accordance with the requirements of 8.1.3.4 applicable until 31 December 2011 may continue to be used until 30 June [2021].