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#### Proposals for amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR: miscellaneous proposals

### Amendments to the definition “Battery-vehicle”

#### Transmitted by the Government of Romania

##### *Summary*

**Executive summary:** Following the decision of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint meeting in September 2011, the definition *Battery-vehicle* should be discussed within WP.15.

**Action to be taken:** Modify the definition of “Battery-vehicle”.

**Related documents:** INF.10, INF.10/Add.1 (Romania - September 2011 Session), ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2011/CRP.3/Add.10 (Report of the September Session of the Joint Meeting RID/ADR/ADN).

1. The Joint Meeting RID/ADR/ADN analyzed during its September 2011 session the informal documents INF.10 + INF.10/Add.1 - Report of the Informal Working Group on Definitions (Bucharest, 12-14 April 2011).
2. Due to the close schedule, the Joint Meeting analyzed only a part of the proposals in the Report.
3. One of the problems that was debated, but could not be solved was the definition of the “Battery-vehicle” (no. 8 in the table in INF.10/Add.1). The Joint meeting decided that “the question of whether the vehicles or transport units should be referred to in the definition of “Battery-vehicle” should be submitted to WP.15” (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2011/CRP.3/Add.10, paragraph 78).
4. Thus, we hereby present the extract from INF.10 relating to the definition “Battery-vehicle”:

#### Definition no. 8 – “Battery-vehicle”

“85. The Romanian delegation commented that the use of the adverb “permanently” is superfluous in the first sentence of the definition.

86. The working group mentioned that the wording “permanently fixed” and “fixé à demeure” may create problems, but what is meant is that the elements of the battery-vehicle are fixed and cannot be demounted except for inspection and testing and does not affect the meaning.

87. Another problem raised was whether the transport unit of the battery-vehicle could be a trailer, as some delegates thought that, for the purpose of this definition, only a motor vehicle or a semitrailer are appropriate.

## Proposal

88. The working group invited the Joint Meeting to consider the two conditions stipulated in the definition of “*battery-vehicle*”:

- The vehicle contains elements which are linked to each other by a manifold;
- These elements are permanently fixed to the transport unit and to clarify the wording “transport unit” in this context.

89. The working group could envisage two possible solutions: either replace “transport unit” with “vehicle” or restrict this to a certain type of vehicles. The Joint Meeting was invited to analyse this problem.

90. In the Guidelines, a note should explain the fact that the elements of the battery-vehicle are not meant to be moved. They are fixed to the vehicle.”

5. The Government of Romania, on behalf of the Joint meeting, wishes to ask WP.15 to debate on the above mentioned subject and to express its point of view.

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