Agenda item 8: Any other business

Glonass satellite navigation system – Compulsory introduction of Glonass devices in Russia

Proposal transmitted by Germany

Introduction

1. According to information available in Germany, from 1 January 2013 it will be compulsory for all means of public transport and dangerous goods transport by rail and road to carry navigation and tracking devices on board that are linked to the Glonass satellite system. This has emerged from a regulation proposed by the Russian Ministry of Transport. From 2014, taxis will also be included in the regulations. The compulsory introduction of Glonass devices was originally planned for the middle of 2011, then for 2012.

2. However, as yet there is probably no standard system which can process the data collected. Three so-called automated control and monitoring centres are currently at the pilot stage. In addition to their navigating function, the devices are supposed to provide information on the location and speed of the vehicle. The details of the requirements the devices must meet are not clear. The regulation prescribes that each individual device must be tested by the transport supervisory authority, Rostransnadzor.
Up to now, relatively few Glonass devices have been fitted to busses, rail vehicles and lorries. It is estimated that around 900,000 vehicles come within the scope of the regulation.

Proposal

3. The RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting should ask Russia to clarify and explain the situation.

4. The working group on telematics should deal with this development.