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**Proposals for amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR;  
miscellaneous proposals**

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### **Comments on ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2013/14 (Switzerland) concerning the ADR certificate**

#### **Transmitted by the Government of Austria**

1. Austria welcomes the proposal to accept for a transitional period training certificates which are not fully in line with the interpretation given by WP.15 in Paragraph 42 of the report of its May 2013 session.
2. The text proposed by Switzerland refers in both the English and the French version to “8.3.3.8.4”. This seems to be an editorial error and should read “8.2.2.8.4”.
3. Additionally, Austria would like to discuss how to deal with certificates deviating even more. There are e.g. other systems than listing classes or UN numbers under 9. and 10. to indicate the training received. In some countries even certificates according to the old paper model have been issued or renewed after 31.12.2012.
4. In the light of 8.2.1.6 they need not be accepted. Doing so would create pressure on the contracting parties concerned to get in line with ADR. On the other hand this means punishing drivers and carriers for faults of their authorities.
5. Austria prefers a common solution which could be
  - no acceptance at all
  - acceptance, but report to the country concerned
  - acceptance, but report to the secretariat
  - acceptance of certificates according to the paper model issued or renewed since 1.1.2013 until end of 2014 by an 1.5 agreement
  - acceptance of certificates according to the paper model issued or renewed since 1.1.2013 until expiry by an 1.5 agreement (and inclusion in the Swiss proposal)
  - acceptance of all new certificates not in line with the new requirements but unambiguous until end of 2014 by an 1.5 agreement
  - acceptance of all new certificates not in line with the new requirements but unambiguous until expiry by an 1.5 agreement (and inclusion in the Swiss proposal)
6. Especially countries with problems to deliver certificates in line with ADR are invited to participate in the discussion.