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**Item 5 (b) of the agenda: Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN – New proposals**

**Amendment of 1.8.6.4.1 RID/ADR**

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**SUMMARY**

<b><i>Executive summary:</i></b>	Specification of different accreditation possibilities for entities to which specific testing tasks are delegated according to 1.8.6.4 of RID/ADR.
<b><i>Action to be taken:</i></b>	Amend 1.8.6.4.1 of RID/ADR.
<b><i>Related documents:</i></b>	–

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## Introduction

1. In 1.8.6, an important requirement for approval as an inspection body is that the body must be accredited according to standard EN ISO/IEC 17020. This standard describes the requirements to be met by bodies performing inspection tasks. According to this standard, inspection is a two-step procedure consisting of testing and assessment, i.e. the testing step is followed by an assessment on the basis of certain criteria, e.g. technical requirements laid down in other standards or codes.
2. According to 1.8.6.4, the approved inspection body in accordance with 1.8.6 may delegate some of its tasks to other entities (subcontractors, subsidiaries) which must be included in the accreditation of the inspection body or accredited separately.
3. If only testing tasks are delegated to these entities (no assessment activities!), it is generally agreed that these entities need only be accredited in accordance with standard EN ISO/IEC 17025. This standard describes the requirements to be met by testing laboratories. Alternatively, these tasks may, of course, be delegated to entities accredited as inspection bodies in accordance with standard EN ISO/IEC 17020.

## Proposal

4. In 1.8.6.4.1 RID/ADR, insert after the first sentence:

“In the case of separate accreditation, this entity shall be accredited according to standard EN ISO/IEC 17025:2005 as well as recognised as a third-party testing laboratory in order to perform testing tasks or it shall be accredited according to standard EN ISO/IEC 17020:2004.”

## Justification

Safety: No problems.

Feasibility: No problems.

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