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Interpretation of ADR

Standardization of individual practical exercises in accordance with 8.2.2.3.8

Transmitted by the Government of Belgium¹

Summary

- Executive Summary:** This proposal aims to collect the opinions of the other contracting parties concerning the methods used to carry out individual practical exercises for basic training and refresher courses, so as to standardize such practices.
- Decisions to be taken:** Find out about the practices in the various contracting parties, specifically for exercises covering first aid, firefighting and what to do in case of an incident or accident.
- Amend subsection 8.2.2.3.8 so as to standardize the way practical training is provided for basic training and refresher courses.

¹ The present document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 1 (f) of the terms of reference of the Working Party, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1, which provides a mandate to “discuss and resolve problems relating to the interpretation and enforcement of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)”.



Introduction

1. ADR mentions individual practical exercises several times:
 - In 8.2.2.3.8: The individual practical exercises shall take place in connection with the theoretical training, and shall at least cover first aid, firefighting and what to do in case of an incident or accident;
 - In 8.2.2.5.2: The duration of the refresher training including individual practical exercises shall be of at least two days for comprehensive training courses, or at least one half the duration allocated to the corresponding initial basic or initial specialization training courses as specified in 8.2.2.4.1 for individual training courses.

Proposal

2. The Belgian Government proposes collecting opinions on the way individual practical exercises are carried out for basic training and refresher courses (noting differences between basic training and refresher courses and whether practical exercises or simulation drills are used for firefighting exercises, etc.).
3. If it is considered necessary, on the basis of the information received, Belgium will propose an amendment to subsection 8.2.3.8 at the next session so as to specify the way in which such practical exercises should be carried out for basic training and refresher courses.

Justification

4. The aim is to standardize the way individual practical exercises are carried out for basic training and refresher courses.
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