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**Proposals for amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN:
Other proposals**

Proposal to amend 8.2.1.4

Transmitted by the Government of France^{1,2}

Summary

Executive summary:	France proposes to modify the text of 8.2.1.4 in order to harmonize its wording with the provisions applicable to other modes of transport.
Action to be taken:	See paragraph 6.
Related documents:	Regulations annexed to ADN – 8.2.1.4 ADR 2009 – 8.2.1.5 ADR 2013 – 8.2.2.8.2

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Introduction

1. The current wording of 8.2.1.4 is as follows:

"8.2.1.4 After five years the expert shall furnish proof, **in the form of relevant particulars entered in the certificate by the competent authority or by a body recognized by it, of successful completion of a refresher course** taken in the last year prior to the expiry of the certificate, covering at least the objectives referred to in 8.2.2.3.1.1 and in 8.2.2.3.1.2 or 8.2.2.3.1.3 and comprising current new developments in particular. A refresher course shall be considered to have been successfully completed if a final written test conducted by the course organizer under 8.2.2.2 has been passed. The test can be retaken as often as desired during the validity of the certificate. The new period of validity shall begin on the expiry date of the certificate; if the test is passed more than one year before the date of expiry of the certificate, it shall begin on the date of the certificate of participation in the course."

2. In application of the parts highlighted above, the model certificate in 8.6.2 should include indications of participation in and successful completion of the refresher course.

3. The current model of the certificate in 8.6.2 does not include these mentions.

4. The wording of 8.2.1.4 of ADN is very close to the text of 8.2.1.5 of ADR 2009, as reproduced below:

"8.2.1.5 By means of appropriate endorsements on his certificate made every five years by the competent authority or by any organization recognized by that authority, a vehicle driver shall be able to show that he has in the year before the date of expiry of his certificate completed refresher training and has passed corresponding examination. The new period of validity shall begin with the date of expiry of the certificate."

5. The corresponding provisions in ADR 2013 are found in 8.2.2.8.2, the wording of which begins as follows:

"8.2.2.8.2 The date of validity of a driver training certificate shall be five years from the date the driver passes an initial basic or initial comprehensive training examination.

The certificate shall be renewed if the driver furnishes proof of participation in refresher training in accordance with 8.2.2.5 and has passed an examination in accordance with 8.2.2.7 in the following cases: ..."

Proposal

6. In order to harmonize the procedures for the different transport modes, it is proposed to follow the example of the text of ADR 2013 and to modify the text of 8.2.1.4 of the Regulations annexed to ADN as follows (**modifications** are in bold underlined and highlighted, and ~~deleted parts~~ are struck through):

"8.2.1.4 After five years, **the certificate shall be renewed if** the expert **furnishes** proof, ~~in the form of relevant particulars entered in the certificate by the competent authority or by a body recognized by it,~~ of successful completion of a refresher course taken in the last year prior to the expiry of the certificate, covering at least the objectives referred to in 8.2.2.3.1.1 and in

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Follow-up

7. The Safety Committee is invited to consider the proposal in paragraph 6, and to take the action it deems appropriate.
