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**Proposals for amendment to Annexes A and B of ADR:
miscellaneous proposals**

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Comments on - ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2016/9 Amendments to section 5.4.3 Instructions in writing

Transmitted by the Government of Romania

Introduction

1. The Government of Romania supports in principle the proposal of Sweden in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2016/9.
2. Our idea is to provide the drivers with precise information. In this regard we offer a detailed proposal for the text under the heading and the list that follows on the last page of the instructions in writing.

Proposal

3. Amend the heading and the list that follows on the last page of the instructions in writing to read as follows (new text underlined):

“Equipment for personal and general protection to carry out general actions and hazard specific emergency actions to be carried on board the transport unit in accordance with sections 8.1.4 and 8.1.5 of ADR

The following equipment shall be carried on board the transport unit:

- portable fire extinguishers^a for the inflammability Classes A, B and C according to the following table showing the minimum provisions except the transport for which instructions in writing are excepted:

^a The portable fire extinguisher shall be fitted with a seal which allows verifying that they have not been used. During carriage, the date required in the marking indicating the date (month, year) of the next inspection or of the maximum permissible period of use, as applicable, shall not have expired.

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|--|---|--|---|--|
| <u>≤ 3.5 tonnes</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>4 kg</u> | <u>2 kg</u> | <u>2 kg</u> |
| <u>≥ 3.5 tonnes < 7.5 tonnes</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>8 kg</u> | <u>2 kg</u> | <u>6 kg</u> |
| <u>>7.5 tonnes</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>12 kg</u> | <u>2 kg</u> | <u>6 kg</u> |
| <u>The capacities are for dry powder devices (or an equivalent capacity for any other suitable extinguishing agent).</u> | | | | |

- for each vehicle, a wheel chock of a size suited to the maximum mass...”.
- 4. The current footnotes a) and b) will be renumbered accordingly.

^b If the vehicle is equipped with a fixed fire extinguisher, automatic or easily brought into action for fighting a fire in the engine, the portable extinguisher need not be suitable for fighting a fire in the engine.










INSTRUCTIONS IN WRITING ACCORDING TO ADR





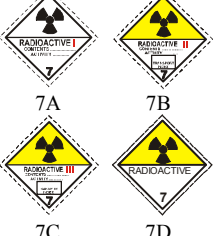



Actions in the event of an accident or emergency

In the event of an accident or emergency that may occur or arise during carriage, the members of the vehicle crew shall take the following actions where safe and practicable to do so:

- Apply the braking system, stop the engine and isolate the battery by activating the master switch where available;
- Avoid sources of ignition, in particular, do not smoke, use electronic cigarettes or similar devices or switch on any electrical equipment;
- Inform the appropriate emergency services, giving as much information about the incident or accident and substances involved as possible;
- Put on the warning vest and place the self-standing warning signs as appropriate;
- Keep the transport documents readily available for responders on arrival;
- Do not walk into or touch spilled substances and avoid inhalation of fumes, smoke, dusts and vapours by staying up wind;
- Where appropriate and safe to do so, use the fire extinguishers to put out small/initial fires in tyres, brakes and engine compartments;
- Fires in load compartments shall not be tackled by members of the vehicle crew;
- Where appropriate and safe to do so, use on-board equipment to prevent leakages into the aquatic environment or the sewage system and to contain spillages;
- Move away from the vicinity of the accident or emergency, advise other persons to move away and follow the advice of the emergency services;
- Remove any contaminated clothing and used contaminated protective equipment and dispose of it safely.



Additional guidance to members of the vehicle crew on the hazard characteristics of dangerous goods by class and on actions subject to prevailing circumstances

| Danger labels and placards (1) | Hazard characteristics (2) | Additional guidance (3) |
|--|--|---|
| Explosive substances and articles  1 1.5 1.6 | May have a range of properties and effects such as mass detonation; projection of fragments; intense fire/heat flux; formation of bright light, loud noise or smoke. Sensitive to shocks and/or impacts and/or heat. | Take cover but stay away from windows. |
| Explosive substances and articles  1.4 | Slight risk of explosion and fire. | Take cover. |
| Flammable gases  2.1 | Risk of fire. Risk of explosion. May be under pressure. Risk of asphyxiation. May cause burns and/or frostbite. Containments may explode when heated. | Take cover. Keep out of low areas. |
| Non-flammable, non-toxic gases  2.2 | Risk of asphyxiation. May be under pressure. May cause frostbite. Containments may explode when heated. | Take cover. Keep out of low areas. |
| Toxic gases  2.3 | Risk of intoxication. May be under pressure. May cause burns and/or frostbite. Containments may explode when heated. | Use emergency escape mask. Take cover. Keep out of low areas. |
| Flammable liquids  3 | Risk of fire. Risk of explosion. Containments may explode when heated. | Take cover. Keep out of low areas. |
| Flammable solids, self-reactive substances, polymerizing substances and solid desensitized explosives  4.1 | Risk of fire. Flammable or combustible, may be ignited by heat, sparks or flames. May contain self-reactive substances that are liable to exothermic decomposition in the case of heat supply, contact with other substances (such as acids, heavy-metal compounds or amines), friction or shock. This may result in the evolution of harmful and flammable gases or vapours or self-ignition. Containments may explode when heated. Risk of explosion of desensitized explosives after loss of desensitizer. | |
| Substances liable to spontaneous combustion  4.2 | Risk of fire by spontaneous combustion if packages are damaged or contents are spilled. May react vigorously with water | |
| Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases  4.3 | Risk of fire and explosion in contact with water. | Spilled substances should be kept dry by covering the spillages. |

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|--|--|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Oxidizing substances  5.1 | Risk of vigorous reaction, ignition and explosion in contact with combustible or flammable substances. | Avoid mixing with flammable or combustible substances (e.g. sawdust). |
| Organic peroxides  5.2 | Risk of exothermic decomposition at elevated temperatures, contact with other substances (such as acids, heavy-metal compounds or amines), friction or shock. This may result in the evolution of harmful and flammable gases or vapours or self-ignition. | Avoid mixing with flammable or combustible substances (e.g. sawdust). |
| Toxic substances  6.1 | Risk of intoxication by inhalation, skin contact or ingestion. Risk to the aquatic environment or the sewerage system. | Use emergency escape mask. |
| Infectious substances  6.2 | Risk of infection. May cause serious disease in humans or animals. Risk to the aquatic environment or the sewerage system. | |
| Radioactive material  7A 7B 7C 7D | Risk of intake and external radiation. | Limit time of exposure. |
| Fissile material  7E | Risk of nuclear chain reaction. | |
| Corrosive substances  8 | Risk of burns by corrosion. May react vigorously with each other, with water and with other substances. Spilled substance may evolve corrosive vapours. Risk to the aquatic environment or the sewerage system. | |
| Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles  9 9A | Risk of burns. Risk of fire. Risk of explosion. Risk to the aquatic environment or the sewerage system. | |

NOTE 1: For dangerous goods with multiple risks and for mixed loads, each applicable entry shall be observed.

NOTE 2: Additional guidance shown in column (3) of the table may be adapted to reflect the classes of dangerous goods to be carried and their means of transport.

| Additional guidance to members of the vehicle crew on the hazard characteristics of dangerous goods, indicated by marks, and on actions subject to prevailing circumstances | | |
|---|--|---|
| Mark (1) | Hazard characteristics (2) | Additional guidance (3) |
|  Environmentally hazardous substances | Risk to the aquatic environment or the sewerage system | |
|  Elevated temperature substances | Risk of burns by heat. | Avoid contact with hot parts of the transport unit and the spilled substance. |

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- for each vehicle, a wheel chock of a size suited to the maximum mass of the vehicle and to the diameter of the wheel;
- two self-standing warning signs;
- eye rinsing liquid^c; and

for each member of the vehicle crew:

- a warning vest;
- portable lighting apparatus;
- a pair of protective gloves; and
- eye protection.

Additional equipment required for certain classes:

- an emergency escape mask for each member of the vehicle crew shall be carried on board **the transport unit** for danger label numbers 2.3 or 6.1;
- a shovel^d;
- a drain seal^d;
- a collecting container^d.

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^c Not required for danger label numbers 1, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3.

^d Only required for solids and liquids with danger label numbers 3, 4.1, 4.3, 8 or 9.