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Interpretation of ADR

Certificate of driver's training – 8.2.2.8 ADR

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1. It is common practice in the industry to check prior to loading, whether the driver of the truck is in possession of a valid ADR Certificate in accordance with 8.2.2.8. However, we get more and more reports from member companies showing ADR-certificates with questionable origin which they consider to be forged. According to 7.5.1.2 ADR the loading shall not be carried out if an examination of the documents shows, that ...the vehicle crew ... do not comply with the regulatory provisions.
2. According to 8.2.2.8.6 ADR contracting parties shall provide the UNECE secretariat with an example of the national model for any certificate intended for issue in accordance with this section. Examples of the ADR certificates are published on the website of UNECE http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adr/adr_certificates.html.
3. 8.2.2.8.3 of ADR contains a description of the certificates and it states that the certificates "shall include an additional security feature such as a hologram, UV printing or guilloche patterns".
4. Shippers tried in vain to check the validity of presented ADR certificates on the UNECE secretariat website. The additional security features are not visible in most cases. Therefore, these examples are not very useful. If they ask the local (national) authorities (e.g. Police) they have the same source of information.
5. Consignors and freight forwarders must have the possibility to check the validity of the ADR Certificates prior to loading the Dangerous Goods on the truck. This can be achieved by adding some explanatory text to the sample certificates on the UNECE website.
6. The availability of this data on the UNECE website would also significantly facilitate the work of law enforcement agencies in all ADR countries.

Proposal

7. We propose to amend 8.2.2.8.6 as follows: (amended parts **in bold**)

“Contracting Parties shall provide the UNECE secretariat with an example of the national model for any certificate intended for issue in accordance with this section, along with examples of all models for certificates which are still valid. **All Contracting Parties shall additionally provide explanatory notes in writing allowing consignors and freight forwarders to check the validity of ADR-certificates prior to loading.** The UNECE secretariat shall make the information received available to all Contracting Parties.”

Addendum

List of published ADR certificates on the UNECE website

Country	ADR certificate on the UNECE website
Albania	Missing
Andorra	Missing
Austria	Present
Azerbaijan	Present
Belarus	Present
Belgium	Present
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Present
Bulgaria	Present
Croatia	Missing
Cyprus	Missing
Czech Republic	Present
Denmark	Present
Estonia	Present
Finland	Present
France	Present
Georgia	Present
Germany	Present
Greece	Present
Hungary	Hungary
Iceland	Missing
Ireland	Present
Italy	Present
Kazakhstan	Missing
Latvia	Present
Liechtenstein	Missing
Lithuania	Present
Luxembourg	Present
Malta	Present
Montenegro	Missing
Morocco	Missing

Country	ADR certificate on the UNECE website
Netherlands	Present
Nigeria	Not yet listed
Norway	Present
Poland	Present
Portugal	Portugal
Republic of Moldova	Missing
Romania	Present
Russian Federation	Present
San Marino	Present
Serbia	Present
Slovakia	Present
Slovenia	Present
Spain	Present
Sweden	Present
Switzerland	Present
Tajikistan	Missing
Republic of North Macedonia	Present
Tunisia	Missing
Turkey	Present
Ukraine	Present
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Present