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Note by the secretariat regarding safety in tunnels

Reproduced below are existing provisions related to safety in tunnels contained in international legal instruments administered by the Working Party.

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Vienna Convention on Road Traffic:

ARTICLE 23

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3 (b) “The standing or parking of a vehicle at any point where it would constitute a danger shall be prohibited, more particularly:

- (i) Save in such spaces as may be specially marked, under flyovers and in tunnels;”

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ARTICLE 25 bis

Special regulations for tunnels indicated by special road signs

In tunnels indicated by the special road signs, the following rules shall apply:

1. All drivers are forbidden:
 - (a) to reverse;
 - (b) to make a U-turn;
 - (c) to stop or to park a vehicle except at the places indicated for that purpose.
 2. Even if the tunnel is lit, all drivers must switch on the driving or passing lamps.
 3. In case of a prolonged stoppage the driver must switch off the engine.”
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Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals:

Annex 1, Section C PROHIBITORY OR RESTRICTIVE SIGNS, II. Descriptions, 1.
Prohibition or restriction of entry

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C, 3h “NO ENTRY FOR VEHICLES CARRYING DANGEROUS GOODS FOR WHICH SPECIAL SIGN PLATING IS PRESCRIBED”

To indicate no entry for vehicles carrying certain types of dangerous goods, the sign C, 3h may be used in conjunction, if necessary, with an additional panel. The information given on this additional panel specifies that this prohibition applies only to the carriage of dangerous goods as defined by domestic legislation.

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Annex 1, Section E SPECIAL REGULATION SIGNS, II. Descriptions

9. Signs notifying the entry to or exit from
a tunnel where special rules apply

(a) Sign E, 11^a "TUNNEL" may be used, and repeated, to indicate the approach to a tunnel; each sign set up for this purpose shall carry either an inscription in its lower part

showing the distance between the sign and the beginning of the tunnel where the special rules apply, or an additional panel H, 1 described in section H of this annex.

The name of the tunnel and its length may also be inscribed on the panel.

(b) Sign E, 11^b "END OF TUNNEL" may be placed at the point from which the special rules no longer apply.

European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals:

19. Ad annex 1, section C, subsection II, to the Convention

Paragraph 1 (Prohibition and restriction of entry)

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The two signs C, 3m and C, 3n, reproduced in the appendix to this annex and having the following meaning may be used:

C, 3m 'NO ENTRY FOR VEHICLES CARRYING MORE THAN A CERTAIN QUANTITY OF EXPLOSIVES OR READILY INFLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES'

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Annex I

VIENNA CONVENTION ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS:

C,3h C,3m E,11a E,11b