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INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE  
Working Party on the Transport  
of Dangerous Goods  
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**STATUS OF THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE  
INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY ROAD (ADR)**

**Interpretation of the transitional provisions relating to 8.1.4 – Comments on document  
2003/3 from Switzerland**

**Transmitted by the Government of Norway**

Norway agrees with Switzerland that there is a need for clarification of the transitional provisions laid down in 1.6.5.6 regarding the new requirements for fire extinguishers. Furthermore, Norway is of the opinion that the new provisions are in force as of 1 January 2003, with a transitional period up to 31 December 2007 for vehicles approved or registered until 31 december 2002 as applicable.

This answers the questions raised by Switzerland in their document as far as Norway is concerned, but it has highlighted another problem that Norway have had to take a decision upon; 1.6.5.6 refers to “transport units”. A transport unit may consist of one vehicle approved or registered before 31 December 2002 and another vehicle approved or registered after 1 January 2003. Nationally Norway has issued the following interpretation to this that it also will propose for inclusion in 1.6.5.6:

**Proposal**

Add the following text to 1.6.5.6:

“If the tractor for a semitrailer or the towing vehicle of a transport unit is approved or registered after 1 January 2003, the transport unit shall be equipped with fire extinguishers according to 8.1.4 applicable as from 1 January 2003.”

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