

**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**

**Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the
Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
(Bern, 24-28 March 2003)**

Transmitted by the Government of Austria

To
ADR Competent Authorities and Organisations as listed in the Annex

Vienna, 24th January 2003

**International ADR Expert - Meeting on Dangerous Goods Groupings for Road Tunnel
Regulations (Feldkirch 12th-14th May 2003)**

At the seventy-third session of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UN/ECE/TRANS/WP.15) held in Geneva from 4 to 8 November 2002 it was decided that a table be inserted in Chapter 1.9 of ADR containing, in grouped form, the various categories of dangerous goods to which reference would be made in order to achieve a harmonized approach to restrictions on traffic in tunnels. A summary of the discussion on the issue can be found in §§ 55-60 of the report under <http://www.unece.org/trans/doc/2002/wp15/TRANS-WP15-172e.doc>.

The representative of Austria offered to organize an informal group of experts the mandate of which would be:

1. To define in greater depth the substances and types of load (packages, bulk, tanks) to be included in each group, taking into account the OECD/PIARC criteria;
2. To introduce provisions explaining more clearly the meaning of the table;
3. Possibly to introduce these provisions into other sections, e.g. Part 8, so as to facilitate their implementation by drivers;
4. Possibly to provide the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) with a system of road signs and signals at the entrance to tunnels so as to enable the groups permitted in the tunnel to be identified;
5. To provide a system to allow checks, e.g. by vehicle marking, documentation, or otherwise.

The Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (Division II/ST8) herewith invites you to this meeting, which shall take place at **Feldkirch** (Vorarlberg) from **12th to 14th May 2003**.

The working language of the meeting will be English.

Working documents for the meeting will be

1. the restructured ADR applicable as from 1st January 2003 (ISBN 92-1-139078-8)
2. the proposal on which the decision of WP.15 was based (TRANS/WP.15/2002/21, see <http://www.unece.org/trans/doc/2002/wp15/TRANS-WP15-2002-21e.doc>),
3. the OECD / PIARC study on Transport of Dangerous Goods through Road Tunnels (ISBN 926419651X, see <http://www.oecd.org/pdf/M00022000/M00022642.pdf> for highlights)
4. written proposals in accordance with the mandate of the working group which should be provided by the participants and sent by mail to gustav.kafka@bmvit.gv.at until **March 28st 2003 at the latest**.

The venue of the meeting will be:

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Rooms in the Hotel Bären will be available for participants at the meeting at a price of about € 65.- per person and day, incl. breakfast, **when reserved before February 15th 2003**.

Rooms are also available at the Holiday Inn Feldkirch, Leonhardsplatz, 2, A-6800 Feldkirch, which is in walking distance from the conference venue, at a price of about € 85.- per person and day, incl. breakfast, which should also be **reserved before February 15th 2003** (E-Mail: reservation@holiday-inn-feldkirch.com, Fax: 05522/78646, Tel: 05522/74600)

In order for us to obtain an estimate of the number of participants and written proposals we kindly request to complete the annexed registration form until **February 28th 2003 at the latest**.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting in Vorarlberg i.e. in a province where several longer tunnels are situated.

Annex:
Address List
Registration Form

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Best regards

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REGISTRATION FORM

**INTERNATIONAL ADR EXPERT - MEETING
ON DANGEROUS GOODS GROUPINGS FOR ROAD TUNNEL REGULATIONS**

**Feldkirch (Vorarlberg) 12th to 14th May 2003,
Hotel Bären, Bahnhofstrasse 1, A-6800 Feldkirch**

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Ms.

Country / Organization:

Participation: from until

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Position:

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Written proposal will be provided (by **28th March 2003** at the latest): **yes** **no**

Date and signature:

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as soon as possible and by 28th February 2003 at the latest.**