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INTERPRETATION OF ADR

Chapter 1.6

Application of 1.6.5.8

Transmitted by the Government of France

With the adoption of new requirements applicable to EX/II and EX/III vehicles, in particular in Chapter 9.3, a transitional measure was introduced into 1.6.5.8. This transitional measure restricts to 31 December 2014 the use of EX/II and EX/III vehicles constructed in conformity with ADR requirements applicable prior to 1 January 2005.

A provision of this nature conveys the impression that the earlier requirements of ADR were less exacting than the new requirements and that the Working Party wanted the older vehicles to be taken out of circulation or upgraded. In our opinion, the requirements in force since 1 January 2005 are not more binding; the requirements concerning the materials of the driver's cab have been deleted (former 9.2.4.2.1) and the provisions of 9.3.3 and 9.3.4 are similar.

In the circumstances, what does the transitional measure to be included in 1.6.5.8 mean?

The Government of France would like to have the Working Party's opinion.
