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## **Multilateral Agreement M358 concerning the carriage of elevated temperature substances for road repair**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Please find the enclosed Multilateral Agreement M358 that is seeking a derogation from the provisions of ADR relating to the transport of elevated temperature substances such as bitumen and similar products for the purpose of repairing cracks and crevices to existing road surfaces.

In ADR 2017 special provision 668 was introduced in the ADR, allowing for transport of elevated temperature substances for the purpose of applying road markings, to be transported without being subject to the requirements of ADR.

The Joint meeting, at its 2023 spring meeting adopted a proposal to widen the existing scope of special provision 668, also to include the transport of bitumen and other similar products for the purpose of repairing cracks and crevices in existing road surfaces.

Such transports are not subject to the other requirements of ADR, provided that certain conditions are met.

The amended wording of special provision 668 are as follows.

"Substances for the purpose of applying road markings and bitumen or similar products for the purpose of repairing cracks and crevices in existing road surfaces, carried at elevated temperature, are not subject to the other requirements of RID/ADR/ADN, provided that the following conditions are met:

- (a) They do not fulfil the criteria of any class other than Class 9;
- (b) The temperature of the outer surface of the boiler does not exceed 70 °C;
- (c) The boiler is closed in such a way that any loss of product is prevented during carriage;
- (d) The maximum capacity of the boiler is limited to 3 000 liters."

The amendment will be applicable from ADR 2025. This multilateral agreement seeks to allow transport of elevated temperature substances like bitumen and other similar products for the purpose of repairing cracks and crevices in existing road surfaces, in the interim period until the ADR 2025 final entry into force.

If you agree to the terms of the enclosed agreement, please countersign and return it to us. Please also send a countersigned copy to the secretariat at the UNECE in Geneva.

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