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Interpretation of ADR**“Member of a vehicle crew” definition – ADR 1.2.1****Transmitted by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*****I. Background**

1. Within the United Kingdom competent authority, the definition of “*member of a vehicle crew*” (ADR, 1.2.1) has been the subject of some internal discussions. The definition is being considered within the context of determining which passengers may or may not be carried within the transport unit when it is carrying dangerous goods.

2. As it will be known, ADR 8.3.1 clearly states that:

“Apart from members of the vehicle crew, no passengers may be carried in transport units carrying dangerous goods.”

3. The 8.3.1 prohibition on carrying passengers applies to every type of passenger except “*members of the vehicle crew*”. ADR 1.2.1 defines this term as follows:

“Member of a vehicle crew” means a driver or any other person accompanying the driver for safety, security, training or operational reasons;’

II. Discussion

4. The United Kingdom competent authority has been considering what is meant by “*operational reasons*” within ADR 1.2.1 and whether the definition for “*member of a vehicle crew*” requires those accompanying the driver need to be there to support the driver, or the carriage operation, in some way to be considered vehicle crew.

* A/78/6 (Sect. 20), table 20.5.

III. Clarification request

5. The United Kingdom’s interpretation of the definition is that it requires that anybody accompanying a driver should be there in a supporting capacity either to the driver or the carriage operation. This support should be in at least one of the four areas mentioned in ADR 1.2.1, namely for safety, security, training or for operational reasons.

6. Furthermore, the United Kingdom’s view is that “*operational reason*” is any reason linked to the intended function or purpose of the transport operation. For example, a crew supporting the collection and carriage of waste containing dangerous goods.

7. However, we would be interested to understand how other Contracting Parties to ADR interpret this definition of “*member of a vehicle crew*” and what “*operational reasons*” means to them.
