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**Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B of ADR:
miscellaneous proposals**

Correction of footnote b to the instructions in writing (paragraph 5.4.3.4)

Transmitted by the Government of Germany*

Summary

Executive summary:	Error in footnote b to the instructions in writing (paragraph 5.4.3.4) is corrected.
Action to be taken:	Correction of footnote b to the instructions in writing.
Background documents:	Report of the 115th session (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/267; paragraph 45); ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2018/5 (Germany) and report of the 105th session (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/244; paragraphs 34-36); informal document INF.22 of the 104th session (submitted by the Government of Germany) and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/242, paragraph 38.

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



I. Introduction

1. At the 104th session of the Working Party in May 2018, Germany raised a question (see informal document INF.22 from the 104th session) concerning an error in paragraph 5.4.3.4 footnote b to the instructions in writing in ADR.
2. The outcome from the meeting was the following (extract from the report):

“38. Several delegations supported the proposal of Germany. Other delegations mentioned, however, that it was not desirable to amend the instructions in writing too frequently and it would be preferable to group the proposed amendment with others that could be considered during the biennium and taken into account in ADR 2021. Several delegations wondered whether the equipment mentioned in note b would be useful in the case of an accident involving lithium batteries. After considering the proposal, the Working Party considered that it had been submitted in an informal document, too late for implementation from 1 January 2019. The representative of Germany informed the Working Party that she would submit an official document to the next session.”
3. For the 105th session Germany transmitted a revised proposal (document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2018/5) which was not adopted.
4. At its 115th session, the WP.15 agreed that the instructions in writing should be amended in the current biennium to refer to “de-energizing electrical circuits” instead of “battery master switch”.
5. See also the extract from the report (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/267):

“45. The Working Party noted that the terminology used in the instructions in writing should be changed to refer to “de-energizing electrical circuits” instead of “battery master switch”. It was recalled, however, that it was not desirable to amend the instructions in writing too frequently and that it would be preferable to group this proposed amendment with other proposals for consideration in ADR 2027. The Working Party invited delegations that had already made proposals for amendments since the entry into force of the current version (ADR 2017) to resubmit these proposals at a future session.”
6. So this is the right time to re-table any amendment proposal that may affect the text of the instructions in writing.
7. In the current version of ADR, footnote b to the instructions in writing in paragraph 5.4.3.4 only makes reference to danger label number 9.
8. A review has shown that footnote b to the instructions in writing in paragraph 5.4.3.4 should not only make reference to danger label number 9 but also to danger label number 9A.
9. Therefore, in the new version of ADR 2027, the enumeration of danger label numbers in footnote b to the instructions in writing in paragraph 5.4.3.4 should be amended accordingly.

II. Proposal for amendments

10. In 5.4.3.4, in the fourth page of the instructions in writing, in footnote b, replace “8 or 9” by “8, 9 or 9A”.
11. Consequential amendment: In 8.1.5.3, footnote 4, replace “8 or 9” by “8, 9 or 9A”.

III. Feasibility

12. No problems are foreseen.
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