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Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B of ADR:

Miscellaneous proposals

Duration of ADR driver exams

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Summary

Executive summary: The minimum duration of ADR driver exams is regulated by the ADR; however, it has no bearing on the exams themselves. In many Contracting Parties, the maximum allowed time for ADR driver examinations is regulated. Regulating the minimum duration of these exams is unnecessary in practice.

Actions to be taken: Since this minimum duration is not necessary in practice, the relevant information should be deleted.

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



I. Introduction

1. The minimum duration of ADR driver exams is clearly regulated in 8.2.2.7 of ADR. The minimum duration of examination for basic training course and its refresher exam is regulated in the fourth sentence of 8.2.2.7.1.6:

“The duration of these examinations shall be at least 45 and 30 minutes respectively.”

2. The minimum duration of examinations for specialized training courses and their refresher exam is regulated in the third sentence of 8.2.2.7.2.3:

“The duration of these examinations shall be at least 30 and 20 minutes respectively.”

II. Problem

3. In practice, this requirement is very difficult to comply with. Many Contracting Parties regulate the maximum time allowed for ADR driver examinations. In general, this maximum allowed time is between 1 and 2 minutes for each multiple-choice question.

4. According to 8.2.2.7.1.6 and 8.2.2.7.2.3, the minimum number of questions is:

- 25 for the examinations for the basic training courses and 15 for the examinations following refresher basic training courses;
- 15 for the examinations for specialization training courses and 10 for the examinations following refresher specialization training courses.

5. If we calculate with 1 minute per question, the maximum time for these exams will be less than the regulated minimum time.

6. There is a possibility for the Contracting Parties to increase the number of questions or to organise practical exams, but this is not mandatory.

7. A well-prepared driver or and ADR expert who would like to pass the driver examination could do the exam in a shorter time. For example, an exam with 25 questions could be solved in 3 minutes.

III. Proposal

8. Delete the fourth sentence of 8.2.2.7.1.6.

9. Delete the third sentence of 8.2.2.7.2.3.
