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**Interpretation of how the certificate of approval
for vehicles is written**

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9.1.2.1.6 of ADR limits the use of the certificates of approval conforming to appendix B.3 until 31 December 2003. This means that since 1 January 2004, certificates conforming to the model in 9.1.2.1.5 have replaced all the existing certificates.

At the same time, a longer transitional period was provided for the assignment of existing tanks to a tank code (see 1.6.3.18).

In November 2000, the Working Party “agreed that it would not be necessary to indicate the tank code in section 9.5 of the certificate when assignment to a tank code had not yet taken place under the transitional provisions in 1.6.3.18. In that case, the substances which could be carried should be listed in section 10.2 of the certificate.” (TRANS/WP.15/163, §31).

In practice, most of the lists of substances drafted with Classes, item numbers and letters in accordance with ADR in force up to 30 June 2001 which were in annex of the B.3 certificate, are appended to the new model of certificate.

Moreover, some guidelines were defined for the application of the transitional period for the certificate of approval for vehicles (see TRANS/WP.15/165, Annex 5). The Working Party specified that when the UN No. for the substance is not listed on the certificate, the haulier must bring with him Appendix B.5, Table 3, from ADR 1999.

We would like to know the opinion of the Working Party with regard to the possibility to maintain this practice, waiting for the assignment of “old” tanks to a tank code.
