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Harmonization of Class 1 divisions in the tables of 1.10.3.1.2 and Chapter 8.5, S1 (6)

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Introduction

- 1. In informal document INF.8 at the l09th session Sweden and Norway put forward the existing discrepancies in ADR between the provisions for security and supervision of Class 1 explosives.
- 2. Several delegations who took the floor agreed that work should be continued on the matter to achieve harmonization. However, the Working Party pointed out that table 1.10.3.1.2 (List of high consequence dangerous goods) is the result of harmonization of ADR with the Model Regulations. Delegations wishing to propose amendments to this list could do so at the Sub-committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.
- 3. However, the delegates were also requested to consider replacement of the list in Chapter 8.5 S1 (6) with the already harmonized list of high consequence dangerous goods under Class 1 in Table 1.10.3.1.2. In this way, the Working Party may decide to get rid of the discrepancies in ADR without having to await future amendments of the indicative list of high consequence dangerous goods in the Model Regulations.

Proposal

4. In order to achieve harmonization Norway and Sweden would like to propose the following amendments in ADR Chapter 8.5 S1 (6) (deleted text stricken through and new changes underlined):

"(6) Supervision of vehicles

^{*} A/75/6 (Sect.20), para 20.51.

The requirements of Chapter 8.4 shall be applicable only when substances and articles of Class 1 listed in table 1.10.3.1.2 having a total net mass of explosive substance above the limits set below are carried in a vehicle.

(Delete the table)

For mixed loads the lowest limit applicable to any of the substances and articles carried shall be used for the load as a whole.

In addition, these substances and articles, when subject to the provisions in 1.10.3, shall be supervised in accordance with the security plan in 1.10.3.2 at all times to prevent any malicious acts and to alert the driver and the competent authorities in the event of loss or fire.

Empty uncleaned packagings are exempted."

Justification

- 5. The scope of Chapter 8.5 S(1) will be fully harmonized at all times with the provisions for high consequence dangerous goods.
- 6. All explosives covered by the requirements for security plans and theft prevention will also be covered by the requirement for supervision of vehicles.
- 7. The participants in the transport chain will no longer need to rely to two different tables and thresholds for supervision, and the transport provisions will comply with other regulations having no quantity thresholds for storage and handling of explosives.

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