# 14. AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY ROAD (ADR)

### Geneva, 30 September 1957

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United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 619, p. 77; vol. 641, p. 3 (French only); vol. 731, p. 3 (English only). For amendments to Annexes A and B, see vol. 774, p. 368; vol. 828, p. 518; vol. 883, p. 174; vol. 907, p. 158; vol. 921, p. 284; vol. 922, p. 282; vol. 926, p. 114; vol. 951, p. 433; vol. 982, p. 313; vol. 987, p. 435; vol. 901, p. 439; vol. 982, p. 315; vol. 1077, p. 269; vol. 1161, p. 461; vol. 1162, p. 437; vol. 1279, p. 407; vol. 1279, p. 307; vol. 1279, p. 407; vol. 1279, and depositary notifications C.N. 86.1982.TREATIES-2 of 5 April 1982 and depositary notifications C.N. 86.1982.TREATIES-5 of 16 February 1983; c.N. 39.1987.TREATIES-5 of 16 February 1983; c.N. 39.1987.TREATIES-1 of 4 May 1987; C.N. 280, 1987.TREATIES-3 of 10 De cember 1987; c.N. 86.1989.TREATIES-1 of 22 May 1989; c.N. 111.1991.TREATIES-1 of 29 July 1991 (amendments to appendix B.6 of annex B, as amended; c.N. 209.1992.TREATIES-1 of 30 June 1992 (amendments B.6 of annex B, as amended); c.N. 399.1996.TREATIES-5 of 10 July 1996 (amendments to annexes A and B, as amended); c.N. 399.1996.TREATIES-5 of 30 December 1996 (corrections to amendments to annexes A and B, as amended); c.N. 399.1996.TREATIES-5 of 30 December 1996 (corrections to amendments to annexes A and B, as amended); c.N. 309.1996.TREATIES-5 of 30 December 1996 (corrections to the amendments to annexes A and B, as amended); c.N. 300.1000 (proposal of amendments by Portugal to annexes A and B, as amended); c.N. 300.1000 (proposal of amendments by Portugal to annexes A and B, as amended); c.N. 300.1000 (proposal of amendments to annexes A and B, as amended); c.N. 300.2000.TREATIES-3 of 10 Iuly 2002 (p of the amendments proposed by Portugal to Annexes A and B, as amended); C.N.435.2011.TREATIES-2 of 7 July 2011 (proposal of corrections to Annexes A and B, as amended) and documents ECE/TRANS/WP.15/208 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/210 and C.N.690.2011.TREATIES-3 of 13 October 2011 (acceptance of corrections); C.N.344.2012.TREATIES-XI.B.14 of 1 July 2012 (proposal of amendments by Portugal to annexes A and B, as amended) and C.N.566.2012.TREATIES-XI.B.14 of 2 October 2012 (entry into force of amendments proposed by Portugal to annexes A and B, as

amended); C.N.738.2012.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of 26 December 2012 (proposal of corrections to annexes A and B, as amended) and C.N.207.2013.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of 1 April 2013 (Corrections); C.N.482.2013.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of 25 July 2013 (proposal of corrections to annex A) and C.N.921.2013.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of 7 November 2013 (Corrections); C.N.448.2014.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of 1 July 2014 (proposal of amendments to annexes A and B, as amended) and C.N.664.2014.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of 7 October 2014 (entry into force); C.N.756.2014.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of 8 December 2014 (Proposal of corrections to annexes A and B) and C.N.158.2015.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of 13 March 2015 (Corrections); C.N.354.2015.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of 26 June 2015 (Proposal of amendments by Portugal to annexes A and B, as amended) and C.N.710.2015.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of4 January 2016 (Entry into force of amendments to Annexes A and B, as amended); C.N.371.2015.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of 26 June 2015 (Proposal of corrections to annexes A and B) and C.N.445.2015.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of 5 August 2015 (Corrections); C.N.443.2016.Reissued.11072016.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of 12 July 2016 (Proposal of amendments by Portugal to annexes A and B, as amended) and C.N.744.2016.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of 10 October 2016 (Entry into force of amendments to Annexes A and B, as amended); C.N.891.2016.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of 7 December 2016 (Proposal of Corrections to Annexes A and B) and C.N.120.2017.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of 10 October 2016 (Entry into force of amendments to Annexes A and B, as amended) and C.N.626.2017.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of 10 October 2016 (Entry into force of amendments to Annexes A and B, as amended) and C.N.626.2017.TREATIES-XI-B-14 of 1 July 2018 (Proposal of amendments to Annexes A and B, as amended) and C.N.626.2017.TREATIES-XI.B.14 of 9 October 2017 (Entry into force); C.N.304.2018.TREATIES-XI.B.14 of 1 July 2018 (Proposal of amendments to Annexes A and B, as amended) and C.N.626.2017.TREATIES-XI.B.14 of 1 July 2020 (Amendments to Annexes A and B) and C.N.438.2020.TREATIES-XI.B.14 of 1 July 2020 (Amendm

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Albania		26 Jan	2005 a	Italy	13 Dec 1957	3 Jun	1963
Andorra		9 Mar	2009 a	Kazakhstan	••	26 Jul	2001 a
Armenia		12 Apr	2022 a	Latvia	••	11 Apr	1996 a
Austria	.13 Dec 1957	20 Sep	1973	Liechtenstein	••	12 Dec	1994 a
Azerbaijan		28 Sep	2000 a	Lithuania	••	7 Dec	1995 a
Belarus		5 Apr	1993 a	Luxembourg	13 Dec 1957	21 Jul	1970
Belgium	.18 Oct 1957	25 Aug	1960	Malta	••	8 May	2007 a
Bosnia and				Montenegro <sup>7</sup>	••	23 Oct	2006 d
Herzegovina <sup>3</sup>		1 Sep	1993 d	Morocco	••	11 May	2001 a
Bulgaria		12 May	1995 a	Netherlands (Kingdom			
Croatia <sup>3</sup>		23 Nov	1992 d	of the)8	13 Dec 1957	1 Nov	1963
Cyprus	•	19 Apr	2004 a	Nigeria	••	18 Oct	2018 a
Czech Republic <sup>4</sup>	•	2 Jun	1993 d	North Macedonia <sup>3</sup>	••	18 Apr	1997 d
Denmark	•	1 Jul	1981 a	Norway	• •	5 Feb	1976 a
Estonia	•	25 Jun	1996 a	Poland	• •	6 May	1975 a
Finland		28 Feb	1979 a	Portugal	••	29 Dec	1967 a
France	.13 Dec 1957	2 Feb	1960	Republic of Moldova	••	14 Jul	1998 a
Georgia		19 Sep	2016 a	Romania	••	8 Jun	1994 a
Germany <sup>5,6</sup>	.13 Dec 1957	1 Dec	1969	Russian Federation	••	28 Apr	1994 a
Greece		27 May	1988 a	San Marino	••	15 Jan	2018 a
Hungary		19 Jul	1979 a	Serbia <sup>3</sup>	••	12 Mar	2001 d
Iceland		24 Feb	2011 a	Slovakia <sup>4</sup>	••	28 May	1993 d
Ireland		12 Oct	2006 a	Slovenia <sup>3</sup>	••	6 Jul	1992 d

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Spain		22 Nov	1972 a	Uganda			23 Aug	2022 a
Sweden	•••••	1 Mar	1974 a	Ukraine	••••		1 May	2000 a
Switzerland	6 Nov 1957	20 Jun	1972	United Kingdom of				
Tajikistan		28 Dec	2011 a	Great Britain and			• • •	10.00
Tunisia		3 Sep	2008 a	Northern Ireland.		957	29 Jun	1968
Türkive		22 Feb	2010 a	Uzbekistan	•••••		24 Jan	2020 a

# Declarations and Reservations (Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, accession or succession.)

# CZECH REPUBLIC4

#### HUNGARY

SLOVAKIA4

The Hungarian People's Republic does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 11 of the Agreement concerning compulsory arbitration.

#### Notes:

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with Article 3 (2) of the Protocol amending article 14 (3) of the European Agreement of 30 September 1957 concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), "[a]ny State becoming a Contracting Party to the Agreement after the entry into force of the present Protocol shall be a Contracting Party to the Agreement as amended by the Protocol."

In accordance with Article 7 of the Protocol amending article 1 (a), article 14 (1) and article 14 (3) (b) of the European Agreement of 30 September 1957 concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), "[a]ny State which becomes a Party to the Agreement after the conditions of the entry into force of this Protocol according to Article 6 have been met shall be considered as a Contracting Party to the Agreement as amended by the Protocol."

<sup>2</sup> On 27 September 2006, the Government of Switzerland notified the Secretary-General of its objection to the above amendments as indicated in depositary notification circulated on 22 January 2007. The objection reads as follows:

"The Swiss Confederation rejects the proposed amendment because it could lead to a lessening of road safety on Swiss sovereign territory. By contrast with existing Swiss legislation, the proposed new international regulations relating to tunnels will not apply to exempted dangerous goods. This is especially problematic with respect to exempted limited quantities, since the new regulations will permit the carriage of considerable quantities of dangerous goods. Furthermore, a comparison between existing Swiss legislation and the new ADR tunnel regulations shows that it would only be possible to maintain the current standard of safety in Switzerland if extensive support measures were to be introduced relating to transport through tunnels, and these pleasures would in turn result in considerable additional costs.

We also question whether from a legal point of view the introduction of "compelling regulations" relating to tunnels at the international level is reconcilable with the provisions of the ADR."

By 1 October 2006, that is to say, on the expiry of the period of three months, no further objection had been notified to the Secretary-General. Consequently, the amendments have been deemed accepted in accordance with article 14 (3) of the Agreement and will enter into force three months after the date of acceptance, i.e., on 1 January 2007.

- <sup>3</sup> The former Yugoslavia had acceeded to the Agreement on 28 May 1971. See also note 1 under "Bosnia and Herzegovina", "Croatia", "former Yugoslavia", "Slovenia", "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and "Yugoslavia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.
- <sup>4</sup> Czechoslovakia had acceded to the Convention on 17 July 1986, with the following reservation and declaration:

# Reservation:

"The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic declares that within the meaning of article 12, para. 1, of the Agreement it does not feel bound by the provisions of article 11, paras. 2 and 3, of the Agreement."

# Declaration:

"The provision of article 10 of the Agreement contravenes the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples that was adopted at the XVth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1960 and the

Czechoslovak Socialist Republic therefore regards the said provision as superseded."

See also note 1 under "Czech Republic" and note 1 under "Slovakia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

- <sup>5</sup> See note 1 under "Germany" regarding Berlin (West) in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.
- <sup>6</sup> The German Democratic Republic had acceded to the Agreement on 27 December 1973 with a reservation. For the text of the reservation, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 905, p. 86. See also note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.
- $^7$  See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.
  - <sup>8</sup> For the Kingdom in Europe.