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EUROPEAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL
CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY ROAD (ADR)
DONE AT GENEVA ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1957

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ANNEXES A AND B
AS AMENDED, TO THE ABOVE AGREEMENT

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

During its sixty-second session held in Geneva from 12 to 16 May 1997, the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods of the Inland Transport Committee for Europe noted differences between the Regulations concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by rail (RID) (Annex I of Appendix B of the Convention concerning international carriage by rail (COTIF)) and Annexes A and B as amended of the above Agreement. The Working Party considered that the Annexes A and B to the above Agreement should be amended accordingly and invited the Secretary-General to prepare a list of appropriate amendments and to propose these amendments for the purpose of ensuring concordance between Annexes A and B of the above Agreement and RID, in accordance with article 14 (1) of the above Agreement.

Reference is made to the procedure for the amendment to annexes to the Agreement set forth in its article 14, in particular to paragraphs 2 and 3, which reads as follows:

"2. The Secretary-General shall transmit any proposal made under paragraph 1 of this article to all Contracting Parties and inform thereof the other countries referred to in article 6, paragraph 1.

3. Any proposed amendment to the annexes shall be deemed to be accepted unless, within three months from the date on which the Secretary-General circulates it, at least one-third of the Contracting Parties, or five of them if one-third exceeds that figure, have given the Secretary-General written notification of their objection to the proposed amendment. If the amendment is deemed to be accepted, it shall enter into force for all the Contracting Parties, on the expiry of a further period of three months or, except in the following cases:

(a) In cases where similar amendments have been or are likely to be made to the other international agreements referred to in paragraph 1 of this article, the amendment shall enter into force on the expiry of a period the duration of which shall be determined by the Secretary-General in such a way as to allow,

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wherever possible, the simultaneous entry into force of the amendment and those that have been or are likely to be made to such other agreements; such period shall not, however, be of less than one month's duration;


(b) The Contracting Party submitting the proposed amendment may specify in its proposal, for the purpose of entry into force of the amendment, should it be accepted, a period of more than three months' duration."

The Secretary-General has been informed by the competent services of the Economic Commission for Europe that the Working Party has expressed its desire that the proposed amendments should enter into force as soon as possible. In order to ensure concordance between Annexes A and B of the above Agreement and RID at the earliest date possible, the Secretary-General proposes that unless there is an objection on the part of the Contracting Parties, the amendments to Annexes A and B enter into force on 15 November 1997.

In accordance with article 14 (3) of the above Agreement, any objection to the proposed amendments (including the date of 15 November 1997 proposed for their entry into force) should be communicated to the Secretary-General by 15 October 1997.

A copy of the English and French texts of the proposed amendments to annexes A and B of the Agreement, as amended, is attached herewith.

15 July 1997



List of amendments to ADR to be submitted to the Contracting Parties for adoption according to the procedure of article 14(1) of ADR for entry into force according to the procedure of article 14(3)(a) (Refer to the report of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its 62nd session, TRANS/WP.15/147, Annex 1)

- 2250** **2°A** For 3220 PENTAFLUOROETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 125), in the column "Test pressure MPa", for "4.9" read "3.4"
- 2°TC** For 1005 AMMONIA, ANHYDROUS, in the column "Period (years)", for "10" read "5".
- For 2194 SELENIUM HEXAFLUORIDE, in the column "Test pressure MPa", for "20.0" read "2.0"
- 4°A** For 2073 AMMONIA SOLUTION, in the column "Period (years)", for "10" read "5".
- 4°TC** For 3318 AMMONIA SOLUTION, in the column "Period (years)", for "10" read "5".

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212 251 **2° A** For 3220 PENTAFLUOROETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 125) in the column "Minimum test pressure for shells", for "4.1/41/4.9/49" read "3.1/31/3.4/34".

2° T For 1581 CHLOROPICRIN AND METHYL BROMIDE MIXTURE, for "not allowed" read "1/10/1/10/1.51"

 For 1582 CHLOROPICRIN AND METHYL CHLORIDE MIXTURE, for "not allowed" read "1.3/13/1.5/15/0.81".

211 610

212 610 (c) For "of 11°, 12°, 14° to 28°" read "of 11° to 28°".

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212 680 After "and 27°" add "as well as of 1809 phosphorus trichloride of 67° (a)".

Add new marginals as follows:

"211 681 Fixed tanks, tank-vehicles and demountable tanks intended for the carriage of substances of 8° (a), 10° (a), 13°(b), 15°(a), 16° (a), 18° (a), 20° (a) and 67° (a) of marginal 2601, built before 1 January 1997 in accordance with the requirements of this Appendix applicable up to 31 December 1996 for the carriage of substances of these items, but which do not, however, conform to the requirements applicable as from 1 January 1997, may still be used until 31 December 2002."

"211 881 Fixed tanks, tank-vehicles and demountable tanks intended for the carriage of 2686 2-Diethylaminoethanol of item 54° (b) of marginal 2601, built before 1 January 1997 in accordance with the requirements of this Appendix applicable until 31 December 1996 for the carriage of this substance, but which do not,

however, conform to the requirements applicable as from 1 January 1997, may still be used until 31 December 2002."

"212 681 Tank-containers intended for the carriage of substances of 8° (a), 10° (a), 13°(b), 15°(a), 16° (a), 18° (a), 20° (a) and 67° (a) of marginal 2601, built before 1 January 1997 in accordance with the requirements of this Appendix applicable until 31 December 1996 for the carriage of substances of these items, but which do not, however, conform to the requirements applicable as from 1 January 1997, may still be used until 31 December 2001."

"212 881 Tank-containers intended for the carriage of 2686 2-Diethylaminoethanol of 54° (b) of marginal 2601, built before 1 January 1997 in accordance with the requirements of this Appendix applicable until 31 December 1996 for the carriage of this substance, but which do not, however, conform to the requirements applicable as from 1 January 1997, may still be used until 31 December 2001."

250 000 Table 1

Add the following entries:

"Chloropicrin and methyl bromide mixture/ 1581 / 26 / 6.1 / 2, 2°T"

"Chloropicrin and methyl chloride mixture/ 1582 / 26 / 6.1 / 2, 2°T"

For 1280, Propylene oxide, in column (c), for "339" read "33".

Table 3

Add the following entries:

"1581 /Chloropicrin and methyl bromide mixture / 26 / 6.1 / 2, 2°T"

"1582 /Chloropicrin and methyl chloride mixture/ 26 / 6.1 / 2, 2°T"

For 1280, Propylene oxide, in column (c), for "339" read "33".