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#### PART 9 OF THE RESTRUCTURED ADR, 9.1.2 APPROVAL OF EX/II, EX/III, FL, OX AND AT VEHICLES

## Proposal transmitted by the Government of Austria

### SUMMARY

*Executive summary:* ADR Member States should not be forced to use the back page of the certificate and the pink diagonal stripe should not be mandatory according to 9.1.2.1.5.

Action to be taken: Amend marginal 9.1.2.1.5

Related documents:

### Introduction

1. 9.1.2.1.5 of the restructured ADR States, with regard to the certificate of approval for EX/II, EX/III, FL, OX and AT vehicles, that both front and back shall be used and that the colour shall be white, with a pink diagonal stripe (see third and fourth sentences). In the model of the certificate the back page shows only extensions of validity and a NOTE. For Member States of ADR which, for certificates issued by their competent authority, want to require <u>renewal</u> of the certificate instead of <u>extension</u> it should not be prohibited to use a form where no extension is figuring on the certificate and where the NOTE is shifted from the back to the front page.

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2. Furthermore the pink diagonal stripe does not appear on the model and seems in principle obsolete. It should only be mandatory for those Member States which may want to maintain it for national purposes.

#### Proposal

- 1. In 9.1.2.1.5 delete the third sentence which reads "Both front and back shall be used." and
- 2. modify the fourth sentence as follows: "The colour shall be white with a pink diagonal stripe provided such a stripe is required by national legislation."

#### **Justification**

Safety The proposal has no negative impact on safety.

## Feasibility and

*Enforceability* Issuing of certificates with only the front page being used and without using the pink diagonal stripe is simpler and has positive consequences. Certificates with <u>many</u> extensions of validity (as foreseen in the model) may have several amendments on the front page making it difficult to read. Inspection bodies certainly prefer new and legible certificates. The stripe leads to questions on the correct interpretation of "pink", the width of the stripe, its direction etc. and it is not stated anywhere that the pink stripe must be printed or may be drawn with a pink marker. Forgery cannot be prevented, neither by the stripe nor by the mandatory use of the back page.