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PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Sub-section 1.1.3.6 and Chapter 3.4

Transport of small amount of dangerous goods

<u>Transmitted</u> by the European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC) and the International Association of the Soap, Detergent and Maintenance Products Industry (AISE)

1. Introduction

At the May 2001 session of the Working Party, CEFIC proposed (TRANS/WP15/2001/12) a revised version of its proposal to add in subsection 1.1.3.1 an exemption for dangerous goods transported in small quantities by craftsmen, farmers and retailers. The goal was to deregulate the transport of small amount of dangerous goods to solve the specific implementation problems encountered by these products in the final part of the distribution chain

This revised version of the proposal was not carried. Any new exemption from the ADR/RID requirements in 1.1.3.related to the nature of the transport operation was clearly rejected by a majority of States. However very few critics on the technical content of the proposal were made.

This new draft takes in consideration these elements and integrates the amendments proposed respectively in 1.1.3.6 "Exemptions related to quantities carried per transport unit" and in 3.4 "Exemptions related to dangerous goods packed in limited quantities".

2. Proposal

Add at the end of 1.1.3.6 a new sub-section 1.1.3.6.6:

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1.1.3.6.6 Where the quantity of dangerous goods carried on a transport unit in transport category 2,3 or4, as expressed in column (3) of table 1.1.3.6.3, does not exceed 50 the provisions of ADR do not apply

Insert after 3.4.5 a new sub-section 3.4.6 as follows:

"3.4.6. The provisions of ADR do not apply to the transport of inner packaging (as described in 3.4.3, 3.4.4 and 3.4.5) apart from the outer packaging when the quantity of dangerous goods on a transport unit does not exceed 50 kg or 50 litres".

and assign the table presently in 3.4.6 to subsection 3.4.7.

3. Justification

Such a provision will facilitate the compliance with the ADR requirement at the last stages of the distribution chain without negative impact on safety.