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Part 7 of ADR

Chapter 7.2 Provisions concerning carriage in packages

Transmitted by the Government of Norway

Note by the secretariat: The proposal below was submitted to the last session as INF.36 (see TRANS/WP.15/167, para. 72) in view of time constraints, the representative of Norway withdrew INF.36 which would be submitted officially at the next session.

Due to misunderstandings (the secretariat expected a formal official proposal from the Government of Norway, while the representative of Norway expected INF.36 to be transformed into an official document), the document has not been issued as an official document. To avoid such situations in the future, the secretariat recalls that INF papers which have not been discussed are not systematically transformed into official documents because authors tend to modify this original proposals after informal discussions on their informal paper. Therefore a new formal submission in writing is requested.

SUMMARY

Executive Summary:	Provision “V7” of 7.2.4 gives rise to problems of interpretation and practical problems for the transport operators. Norway raised this issue in a proposal at the seventieth session. The proposal was not adopted in the form presented, but EIGA volunteered to help Norway formulating a text that would cover Norway’s concerns as well as taking care of the safety issues in transporting gasses in closed vehicles/containers. This work is now finalized and presented below.
Action to be taken:	Change the text provision “V7” into an operational requirement instead of the present technical requirement for the construction of vehicles and containers.
Related documents:	TRANS/WP.15/2001/19

Proposal

Change the wording of “V7” to read:

“Packages shall preferably be carried in open or ventilated vehicles or in ventilated containers.

Should packages be carried in a closed vehicle or a closed container, the nature of the contents and the possibility that leakage may have caused an unsafe concentration of toxic or flammable gases/vapours or have produced an oxygen enriched or depleted atmosphere shall be considered before opening the doors. Sources of ignition shall not be present in a closed vehicle or closed container when flammable gases are carried.”

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