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#### Part 8 of ADR

### Chapter 8.5 S1(6), supervision of vehicles

### Comments to document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2007/20 from the United Kingdom

## Transmitted by the Government of Norway

### 1. <u>Background</u>

Norway supports the proposal from the United Kingdom to add a text regarding mixed loads. We think that this will add clarity to the text.

On the other hand, Norway does not support the upper limit of 50 kg for Division 1.3, Division 1.4 and Division 1.6 as proposed in square brackets in the document from the United Kingdom.

Norway is of the opinion that no explosives shall be left unattended in vehicles as a matter of principle. We nevertheless see the possible practical implications of adhering this rule to the point, but wishes to set the limit as low as practically possible.

The Government of Norway cannot see that this will create huge problems in regard to substances and articles of Class 1.3 and 1.4 if this limmit is set at 5 kg, since it will be the net mass of explosives of articles that will be used. A typical example will be fireworks or hunting cartridges, where 5 kg net mass will allow for around 25 kg gross mass of fireworks and 1600 cartridges. If the proposal from the United Kingdom is adopted, this will typically mean that 250 kg gross mass of fireworks or 16.000 hunting cartridges could be left unattended in vehicles.

Regarding Division 1.6, this will be military explosives, typically mines, warheads etc. which would be high consequence dangerous goods and which will probably never be left unattended in any vehicle transporting explosives under ADR, and the limit should be set to "0".

# 2. <u>Proposal</u>

Amend the new text for Chapter 8.5 S1(6) to read as follows:

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The requirements of Chapter 8.4 shall be applicable only when substances and articles of Class 1 having a total net mass of explosive substance above the limits set below are carried in a vehicle:

District 1.1	Ο 1
Division 1.1	0  kg
Division 1.2	0  kg
Division 1.3, compatibility group C:	0  kg
Division 1.3, other than compatibility group C;	<u>5 kg</u>
Division 1.4, other than those listed below;	<u>5 kg</u>
Division 1.5	0 kg
Division 1.6	0 kg
Substances and articles of Division 1.4 belonging to	
UN numbers 0104, 0237, 0255, 0267, 0289, 0361, 0365,	
0366, 0440, 0441, 0455, 0456 and 0500.	<u>0 kg</u> "

For mixed loads the lowest limit applicable to any of the substances or articles carried shall be used for the load as a whole. "