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INTERPRETATION OF ADR

Combustion heaters according to 9.2.4.7

Transmitted by the Government of France*

1. The provisions relating to combustion heaters were introduced in ADR in 1999.
2. In the table in 9.2.1, the entry for 9.2.4.7 “Combustion heaters” contains the following comment (e): “Applicable to motor vehicles equipped after 30 June 1999. Mandatory compliance by 1 January 2010 for vehicles equipped before 1 July 1999.”

* The present document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 1 (f) of the terms of reference of the Working Party, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1, which provides a mandate to “[discuss] and [resolve] problems relating to the interpretation or enforcement of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)”.

3. The language of the requirement concerning compliance of older vehicles creates certain enforcement problems. Specifically, it is difficult to verify when a vehicle was equipped with a combustion heater. For vehicles equipped when new, should the date of first registration be used?

4. We should like to know the view of the Working Party on the enforcement of such a requirement.
