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Comment on document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2009/7 (Note by the Vice-Chairperson)

Transmitted by the Government of the United Kingdom

1. In her document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2009/7, the Vice Chairperson reminds contracting parties to ADR that the transitional measure outlined in 1.6.1.12 will expire on 1 January 2010 and by that date tunnels will need to be assigned codes for the carriage of dangerous goods as set out in 1.9.5. The document furthermore reminds contracting parties that the May 2009 WP.15 meeting will offer an opportunity to assess progress towards this goal.

2. To help with this assessment the United Kingdom gives details below of those tunnels which have restrictions on the carriage of dangerous goods (ie those not given tunnel code "A").

3. Following consultation with tunnel operators in the United Kingdom 9 tunnels will be designated at category B or above as defined in 1.9.5.2 of ADR. The tunnels identified are:

<b>Tunnel Name</b>	<b>Tunnel Category</b>
Dartford	C
Mersey	D
Clyde	D
Ramsgate	C*
Limehouse	E
Rotherhithe	E
Blackwall	E
East India Dock Road	E
Tyne	D

\* provisional

4. The United Kingdom looks forward to the introduction in all ADR contracting parties of the tunnel provisions in full at the designated date of 1 January 2010, as agreed at previous meetings of WP.15.

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