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ROAD TUNNEL RESTRICTIONS FOR THE PASSAGE OF VEHICLES

Request for update on status of implementation

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1. At the 86th session of WP.15 the Vice-Chairperson had tabled document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2009/7, requesting information about the implementation of the provisions for restricting the circulation in road tunnels as the transitional period for implementation expires on 31-12-2009. The Working Party noted that several Contracting Parties to ADR had taken the necessary measures, before 1 January 2010, to assign a category to the tunnels to which they will apply restrictions on the carriage of dangerous goods as set out in 1.9.5.
2. According to 1.9.5.3.7, Contracting Parties shall notify the secretariat of UNECE of such restrictions and the secretariat shall make this information publicly available on its website. Industry therefore undertook to identify the information on tunnels that was available on the UNECE website (http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adr/country-info_e.htm) on 15 October 2009. The (disappointing) results are provided in the Annex, from which it is clear that, unless most tunnels would be assigned to category A, a serious effort will have to be made to provide the required information in time.
3. In the absence of this information all industries involved in road transport (consignors, carriers, consignees, etc) will be faced with numerous practical problems. Industry is not proposing any delay but is looking for an update on the status of implementation, less than 2 months before the expiry date.
4. In order to inform the users properly it is absolutely essential not only to provide the information but also to present it in a structured way e.g. not hidden in lot of texts.

Industry also recommends putting all information on tunnels in a separate folder of the UNECE website, similarly to what has been done with the information on the new instructions in writing.

ANNEX

ADR Contracting Parties	Country information, notifications according to 1.9.4 (related to tunnels)
Albania	None
Andorra	None
Austria	Information (dated October 2005) on tunnel restrictions, listing tunnels involved, specifying required equipment and/or need for escort but not referring to the new tunnel restriction codes
Azerbaijan	None
Belarus	None
Belgium	Information about 3 signals (C24 a/b/c), placed at the entrance of a number of listed tunnels but no reference is made to the new tunnel restriction codes.
Bosnia and Herzegovina	None
Bulgaria	None
Croatia	None
Cyprus	None
Czech Republic	None
Denmark	Letter (dated 2003) with information about restrictions in the tunnel Oresund-Malmö: access only between 23h00-06h00 and quantity limitation for explosives.
Estonia	None
Finland	Information on restrictions in a certain area or road or section of road, indicated by 2 different signs. No reference to tunnels or tunnel restriction codes
France	Information (dated June 2009) on tunnel regulations for the Fréjus tunnel (8 pages of text)
Germany	List of tunnels with new restriction codes (only 2 tunnels in the Berlin area are restricted)
Greece	None
Hungary	None
Ireland	None
Italy	None
Kazakhstan	None
Latvia	None
Liechtenstein	None
Lithuania	None
Luxembourg	Information about restriction on 1 tunnel (Saint-Esprit – Côte d'Eich) but not using the tunnel restriction code
Malta	None
Montenegro	None
Morocco	None

ADR Contracting Parties	Country information, notifications according to 1.9.4 (related to tunnels)
Netherlands	Information (dated 2003) on tunnel restrictions but not referring to the new tunnel restriction codes but using own category I and II
Norway	Information (referring to notification in accordance with marginal 10 599!) about 5 tunnels with limits for certain quantities but not referring to the new tunnel restriction codes.
Poland	None
Portugal	None
The Republic of Moldova	None
Romania	None
Russian Federation	None
Serbia	None
Slovakia	None
Slovenia	Information (dated 2004) about 1 tunnel (Karavnake) specifying required equipment and need for escort, but not referring to the new tunnel restriction codes
Spain	Some information on opening hours of certain tunnels, hidden in the document, but not but not referring to the new tunnel restriction codes
Sweden	Information on Oresund-Malmö tunnel (same as Denmark) and separate instructions for other tunnels (Muskö, Södra Länken, Tingstad and Lundby) but the hyperlink does not work
Switzerland	Listing 15 tunnels making use of new tunnel restriction code (all tunnels have been assigned to category E)
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	None
Tunisia	None
Ukraine	None
United Kingdom	Listing 9 tunnels making use of the new tunnel restriction codes
