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**Interpretation of ADR**

Certificate of driver's training – 8.2.2.8 ADR

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1. It is common practice in the industry to check prior to loading, whether the driver of the truck is in possession of a valid ADR Certificate in accordance with 8.2.2.8. However, we get more and more reports from member companies showing ADR-certificates with questionable origin which they consider to be forged. According to 7.5.1.2 ADR the loading shall not be carried out if an examination of the documents shows, that …the vehicle crew … do not comply with the regulatory provisions.

2. According to 8.2.2.8.6 ADR contracting parties shall provide the UNECE secretariat with an example of the national model for any certificate intended for issue in accordance with this section. Examples of the ADR certificates are published on the website of UNECE <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adr/adr_certificates.html> .

3. 8.2.2.8.3 of ADR contains a description of the certificates and it states that the certificates "shall include an additional security feature such as a hologram, UV printing or guilloche patterns".

4. Shippers tried in vain to check the validity of presented ADR certificates on the UNECE secretariat website. The additional security features are not visible in most cases. Therefore, these examples are not very useful. If they ask the local (national) authorities (e.g. Police) they have the same source of information.

5. Consignors and freight forwarders must have the possibility to check the validity of the ADR Certificates prior to loading the Dangerous Goods on the truck. This can be achieved by adding some explanatory text to the sample certificates on the UNECE website.

6. The availability of this data on the UNECE website would also significantly facilitate the work of law enforcement agencies in all ADR countries.

Proposal

7. We propose to amend 8.2.2.8.6 as follows: (amended parts **in bold**)

“Contracting Parties shall provide the UNECE secretariat with an example of the national model for any certificate intended for issue in accordance with this section, along with examples of all models for certificates which are still valid. **All** Contracting Parties **shall** additionally provide explanatory notes **in writing allowing consignors and freight forwarders to check the validity of ADR-certificates prior to loading**. The UNECE secretariat shall make the information received available to all Contracting Parties**.**”.

Addendum

List of published ADR certificates on the UNECE website

| **Country** | **ADR certificate on the UNECE website** |
| --- | --- |
| Albania | Missing |
| Andorra | Missing |
| Austria | Present |
| Azerbaijan | Present |
| Belarus | Present |
| Belgium | Present |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Present |
| Bulgaria | Present |
| Croatia | Missing |
| Cyprus | Missing |
| Czech Republic | Present |
| Denmark | Present |
| Estonia | Present |
| Finland | Present |
| France | Present |
| Georgia | Present |
| Germany | Present |
| Greece | Present |
| Hungary | Hungary |
| Iceland | Missing |
| Ireland | Present |
| Italy | Present |
| Kazakhstan | Missing |
| Latvia | Present |
| Liechtenstein | Missing |
| Lithuania | Present |
| Luxembourg | Present |
| Malta | Present |
| Montenegro | Missing |
| Morocco | Missing |
| Netherlands | Present |
| Nigeria | Not yet listed |
| Norway | Present |
| Poland | Present |
| Portugal | Portugal |
| Republic of Moldova | Missing |
| Romania | Present |
| Russian Federation | Present |
| San Marino | Present |
| Serbia | Present |
| Slovakia | Present |
| Slovenia | Present |
| Spain | Present |
| Sweden | Present |
| Switzerland | Present |
| Tajikistan | Missing |
| Republic of North Macedonia | Present |
| Tunisia | Missing |
| Turkey | Present |
| Ukraine | Present |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | Present |