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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Remarks on INF.7

Reference to standards EN 3-8, EN 3-9, EN 3-10

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SUMMARY

Executive Summary:	The standards EN 3-8, EN 3-9, EN 3-10 have not been made available to the experts of the standard working group and to the delegations so no decisions can be taken about them. These standards should not be referred to in ADR.
Action to be taken:	No reference should be made to standards EN 3-8, EN 3-9, EN 3-10 which were not made available to the experts.
Related documents:	INF.7 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/116

Introduction

1. Under point 16 of the report of the Joint meeting RID/ADR/ADN from September 2009 it is pointed out that the Joint Meeting RID/ADR/ADN noted that the Working group on standards had not been able to check if it were advisable to update the references to the standards EN 3, EN 141, EN 471 and EN 13501-1 mentioned in the sub-section 8.1.4.3 and in sections 5.4.3, 8.1.5, 6.12.5 and 9.3.4.2 of the ADR, but he supports the principle of update (see also ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2009/2 and INF.17 of the September 2009 session). The checks could be done by correspondence before the next session of the WP.15.

2. At the last Joint meeting, the only standard which was in discussion, that is EN 3-7, was not made available to the standard working group and to the delegations. Now this standard was distributed, so that unity view was possible. It seems however strange, that now additional standards in the INF paper are called for the admission in ADR (EN 3-8, EN 3-9, EN 3-10), with the reasons laid down in the footnote 1 by the CEN consultant. Exactly these reasons were not accepted however at the Joint Meeting in the case of the standards EN 3-7 and therefore a special solution was agreed with additional distribution of standards and discussion over email.

3. We cannot understand, why the standards specified now (EN 3-8, EN 3-9, EN 3-10) were not all distributed but instead, as already tried before for the EN 3-7, there are tried to be referred to in ADR without consultation of the standard working group.

4. In order to maintain the credibility to the consultations sent to the experts of the Standard Working Group of the Joint Meeting, such a procedure is to be rejected and only standards already checked from the Joint Meeting standard working group shall be referred to in ADR.
