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Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B of ADR:**pending issues**

**Amendments adopted by the Working Party
(ECE/TRANS/WP.15/204) – Proposal of correction – 6.8.2.1****Note by the secretariat**

1. At its September 2008 session (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/112), the Joint meeting adopted the addition of a definition of mild steel, differing from the definition of section 1.2.1 and applicable in the case of RID/ADR tanks only (Chapter 6.8), in footnote 2 (RID)/3 (ADR) to 6.8.2.1.18 as follows:

"6.8.2.1.18 In footnote 3, at the end, add the following new sentence: "“Mild steel” in this case also covers a steel referred to in EN material standards as “mild steel”, with a minimum tensile strength between 360 N/mm² and 490 N/mm² and a minimum elongation at fracture conforming to 6.8.2.1.12."."

2. In view of the original proposal (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2008/15 and informal document INF.25 submitted at the September 2008 Joint Meeting session) and of related discussions (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/112, paras 5-6 and 112/Add.1, paras 5-10), it would seem logical to amend the footnotes 3 applying to 6.8.2.1.19 to 6.8.2.1.21 as well. However since the proposal was made by UIP in relation to the construction of tank-wagons, and as 6.8.2.1.19 to 6.8.2.1.21 do not apply to tank-wagons, it is not clear what the consequences would be.

3. However, the Joint Meeting did not study the case of 6.8.2.1.19 to 6.8.2.1.21, and as a result the wording of footnote 3 now differs depending on the paragraphs to which it applies, which should be avoided.

4. Therefore the Working Party is invited to decide whether footnote 3, as amended in relation to paragraph 6.8.2.1.18, should also be amended in relation to 6.8.2.1.19 to 6.8.2.1.21.

5. Should the Working Party prefer to refer the issue to the Joint Meeting first, the secretariat proposes, in order to avoid renumbering of footnotes, that, rather than amending the footnote 3 which applies to 6.8.2.1.18 (which would imply renumbering the other footnotes 3 and all other footnotes of the chapter), to have existing footnote 3 unchanged and to add a new footnote 3bis only applicable to 6.8.2.1.18, reading as follows:

"^{3bis} “Mild steel” in this case also covers a steel referred to in EN material standards as “mild steel”, with a minimum tensile strength between 360 N/mm² and 490 N/mm² and a minimum elongation at fracture conforming to 6.8.2.1.12."."