

Safety in road tunnels – Outcome of WP.1

Note by the Secretariat

Amendments to R.E.2

1. In accordance with paragraph 52 and annex III of the report of the last session of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/210), the secretariat presented to the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) the proposal of amendments to the Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs (R.E.2) adopted by WP.15 (document ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/8).

2. The secretariat would like to inform WP.15 that WP.1 adopted this proposal as stated in paragraph 26 of the List of Decisions of the Sixty-second session of the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety, approved on 29 September 2011.

"26. WP.1 adopted a proposal to amend the Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2) (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/119/Rev.2) paragraph 1.11 (a), 1.11 (b) and 1.11 (c) as elaborated in Annex I of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/8. WP.1 agreed to append the said Annex to the report of this session."

Notification of restrictions

3. At its seventy-third session held in Geneva from 1-3 March 2011, the Inland Transport Committee noted that, according to paragraph 1.9.5.3.7 of Annex A of the European Agreement concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by road (ADR), restrictions to the passage of vehicles carrying dangerous goods through road tunnels applied by Contracting Parties to ADR must be published officially and made publicly available. Contracting Parties must notify the UNECE secretariat of such restrictions so that the UNECE secretariat may make this information publicly available on its website. The failure of many Contracting Parties to do so posed numerous logistical problems. As the authorities responsible for road safety are not necessary the same as those competent for ADR, the Committee requested the appropriate administrations of the Contracting Parties to ADR to transmit to the secretariat information concerning restrictions on the passage of vehicles carrying dangerous goods through road tunnels in order to allow the secretariat to make this information public pursuant to paragraph 1.9.5.3.7 of ADR (see ECE/TRANS/221, para. 86).

4. As indicated in paragraph 10 of the List of Decisions: "WP.1 noted paragraph 1.9.5.3.7 of Annex A of the European Agreement concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by road (ADR) which stipulates that restrictions to the passage of vehicles carrying dangerous goods through road tunnels must be officially published and made publicly available. WP.1 agreed to assist by reminding the administrations and officials responsible for ADR restrictions about this requirement."