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Comments on ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2014/6 - Marking of tank-vehicles transporting fuels

Transmitted by the Government of Finland

1. We agree with the proposal presented in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2014/6 by France.

We support the inclusion of UN 3475 in 5.3.2.1.3 in order to simplify the modalities for affixing the orange-coloured plates. UN 3475 is carried in the same transport units with UN 1202 and 1203.

- 2. Regarding extinguishing agents and fire fighting techniques we believe that fire services need to be prepared for different kinds of fires in any case.
- (a) At the moment three different orange-coloured plates with three different UN numbers need to be displayed in a transport unit when UN 1202, 1203 and 3475 are carried.

Even if a tank-vehicle or transport unit has all these required markings it is not always obvious in an emergency situation which tank or tank compartment is leaking / in fire.

This means that fire services need to be prepared to extinguish fire in any case, hence they need to have and use appropriate extinguishing agents or firefighting techniques anyway.

- (b) Additionally, fire services need to be prepared to extinguish fire in a possible emergency situation where all tanks of a vehicle or transport units are filled with UN 3475.
- (c) Nowadays fire fighters need to be prepared to extinguish bio fuel fires also in common emergency situations. As the bio fuels are more increasingly used in all vehicles.

