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(Riga, 13 November 2012)

**Subject: Decisions taken by the 93<sup>rd</sup> session of WP.15 (Geneva, 6 – 9 November 2012)**

**Note by the Secretariat**

**Extracts from the draft report of the 93<sup>rd</sup> session of WP.15 (Geneva, 6 – 9 November 2012)**

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**VI. Work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (agenda item 5)**

**B. Corrections to annexes A and B of ADR as modified by the amendments entering into force on 1 January 2013**

*Informal document:* INF.7/Rev.1 (secretariat)

21. The Working Party adopted the corrections proposed by the Joint Meeting and requested the secretariat to take the necessary steps to publish a corrigendum as soon as possible (see annex ...).

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### **C. Accreditation of inspection bodies**

*Informal document:* INF.8 (secretariat)

22. The Working Party examined the proposal by the Joint Meeting to amend the references to standard EN ISO/IEC 17020:2004 in several paragraphs of ADR in order to take account of the revised version of that standard, and concluded that adopting the proposal could cause problems such as challenges to accreditations issued under the old version of the standard. In addition, the Working Party noted that the revised version of the standard included substantive changes and that it would be wiser for this point to be discussed again by the Working Group on Standards at the next session of the Joint Meeting. The Working Party also agreed that any proposal for amendment of references to standard EN ISO/IEC 17020:2004 should be accompanied by appropriate transitional measures. In that regard, the Working Party regretted that European Commission communication 2012/C 149/01, of 25 May 2012, making the use of the revised version of the standard applicable in European Union member States, did not provide for an adequate transition period to allow for its implementation in RID and ADR.
23. The representative of the European Union explained that, under the New Legislative Framework, and particularly in respect of accreditations under Regulation No. 765/2008,<sup>1</sup> the application of harmonized standards published in European Commission communication 2012/C 149/01, of 25 May 2012, including the 2012 version of standard EN ISO/IEC 17020, was to be seen as one of the technical options possible in order to comply with essential regulations. Other standards, including previous versions of the standards mentioned, and other technical solutions, could be used in complying with those regulations.
24. Taking note of that explanation, the Working Party invited the European Commission to clarify officially the scope of the communication in that regard and provide an adequate transitional period as a number of delegations pointed out that only the 2004 version is referenced in ADR.

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## **VII. Proposals for amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR (agenda item 6) (continued)**

### **B. Miscellaneous proposals (continued)**

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#### **4. Flexible bulk containers**

*Informal documents:* INF.3, INF.3/Add.1 and INF.18 (IDGCA)

32. The Working Party took note of the decision by the Joint Meeting to set up an informal working group specifically to consider, for the three modes of inland transport, operational conditions that could be set out for the efficient transport of flexible bulk containers in road vehicles, railway wagons and inland transport vessels, and to draw up proposals for consideration by the competent bodies.
33. The representative of IDGCA said that a meeting of the informal group will be held during the last week of May 2013 in Saint Petersburg.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No. 765/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No. 339/93.

34. Several delegations indicated that they would like to take part in the work of the informal working group, possibly initially by correspondence. It was, however, pointed out that it was necessary to have at disposal technical data, in particular relating to the weight and size of the flexible bulk containers, their loading, unloading and stowage and the stability of the vehicles carrying them, in order to take decisions. Countries where flexible bulk containers were already in use, either for the transport of dangerous goods or for other purposes, were invited to provide feedback by forwarding any information they deemed useful.

## Annex I

**Texts adopted by WP.15**

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**Corrections to annexes A and B of ADR as modified by the amendments which entered into force on 1 January 2013 (Depository notification C.N.566.2012.TREATIES-XI.B.14)**

**2.2.62.1.5.7** In the second sentence, for "6.6.5" read:

"6.6.4".

**4.1.4.1**

**P 114a** For "Outer packagings", "Drums", after "other metal (1N1, 1N2)" insert the following entry:

"Plywood (1D)".

**P 903** paragraph (2), subparagraphs (a) and (b): For the existing text, substitute:

"(a) Strong outer packagings;

(b) Protective enclosures (e.g. fully enclosed or wooden slatted crates); or

(c) Pallets or other handling devices."

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