

Transport of dangerous goods by road: uniform procedures for checks

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This proposal envisaged the introduction of a uniform system for monitoring the safety standards for the transport of dangerous goods by road which had to be met not only by Community carriers but those from outside the Community too. The following specific measures were proposed: - stipulation that checks on dangerous goods moving around the Community could be conducted anywhere within the territory of Member States, provided they were conducted as part of routine inspections and with no discrimination based on the nationality of drivers or vehicles. The same applied to movements of goods originating in non-Member States: checks on these did not necessarily have to be performed at the external border of the Member State of entry; - definition of a uniform and adequate set of minimum safety requirements to be checked and punishable infringements; - application of these safety requirements equally to transport operations by vehicles registered or allowed to circulate in a non-Member State, whether or not that State was a signatory of the ADR; - issue to the driver of a copy of the checklist recording the inspection results, to avoid repetition of these roadside checks as far as possible; - instigation of checks of the premises of the carriers or loading companies concerned, where infringements which threatened the safety of the operation to transport dangerous goods had been identified in a roadside check; - encouragement of the reporting of offending transport operators to the Member State in which the vehicle was registered or the loading company was established; - encouragement of cooperation between Member States on procedures to identify and publish infringements recorded in roadside checks.