COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2001/7/EC

of 29 January 2001

adapting for the third time to technical progress Council Directive 94/55/EC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by road

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 94/55/EC of 21 November 1994 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by road [1], as last amended by European Parliament and Council Directive 2000/61/EC [2], and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Annexes A and B to Directive 94/55/EC contain the Annexes A and B to the European Agreement concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by road, usually known as 'the ADR' as applicable from 1 July 1999.

(2) The ADR is updated every two years and therefore an amended version will be in force as from 1 July 2001 with a transitory period until 31 December 2002, except of dangerous goods of class 7 (radioactive material), for which the transitory period will end on 31 December 2001.

(3) It is therefore necessary to amend the Annexes to Directive 94/55/EC.

(4) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on the transport of dangerous goods,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Annexes to Directive 94/55/EC are amended as follows:

1. Annex A is replaced by the following:

'*ANNEX A*

Provisions of Annex A to the European Agreement concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by road (ADR) as in force from 1 July 2001, "Member State" being substituted for "Contracting Party"

NB: The consolidated text of the 2001 version of Annex A to the ADR will be published as soon as the text is available in all the official languages of the Community.'

2. Annex B is replaced by the following:

'*ANNEX B*

Provisions of Annex B to the European Agreement concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by road (ADR) as in force from 1 July 2001, "Member State" being substituted for "Contracting Party"

NB: The consolidated text of the 2001 version of Annex B to the ADR will be published as soon as the text is available in all the official languages of the Community.'

Article 2

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive concerning dangerous goods of class 7 by 31 December 2001 and concerning dangerous goods of other classes by 31 December 2002 at the latest. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the texts of the provisions of national law which they adopt in the field governed by this Directive.

Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 29 January 2001.

For the Commission

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Vice-President

[1] OJ L 319, 12.12.1994, p. 7.
[2] OJ L 279, 1.11.2000, p. 40.