COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 96/86/EC

of 13 December 1996

adapting 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], and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas the Annexes A and B to the Europe Agreement concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by road, usually known as the ADR, as amended, should be attached to Directive 94/55/EC as the Annexes A and B and be applicable not only to cross-frontier transport, but also to transport within the individual Member States;

Whereas the Annexes to Directive 94/55/EC contain the ADR as applicable from 1 January 1995, which has since been published in all languages [2];

Whereas the ADR is updated every two years and therefore an amended version will be in force with effect from 1 January 1997;

Whereas in accordance with Article 8, all the necessary modifications for adapting to technical and scientific progress in the field covered by the Directive and aiming at aligning it to the new rules have to be adopted in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 9;

Whereas it is necessary to adapt the sector to the new ADR rules and therefore to amend the Annexes to Directive 94/55/EC;

Whereas the measures provided for in the Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee provided by Article 9 of Directive 94/55/EC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Directive 94/55/EC is modified as follows:

1. Annex A:

'Annex A comprises the provisions of Marginals 2 000 to 3 999 of Annex A to the Europe Agreement on the international carriage of dangeorus goods by road (ADR), as effective on 1 January 1997, "Member State" being substituted for "Contracting Party".

NB: Versions in all the official languages of the Community of the amending text of 1997 to the consolidated text of 1995 of Annex A to the ADR will be published as soon as a text is available in all languages.'

2. Annex B:

'Annex B comprises the provisions of Marginals 10 000 to 270 000 of Annex B to the Europe agreement on the international carriage of dangerous goods by road (ADR), as effective on 1 January 1997, "Member State" being substituted for "Contracting Party".

NB: Versions in all the official languages of the Community of the amending text of 1997 to the consolidated text of 1995 of Annex B to the ADR will be published as soon as a text is available in all languages.'

Article 2

1. The Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive before 1 January 1997. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

When the Member States adopt these measures they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such reference shall be laid down by Member States.

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 day following of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

[1] OJ No L 319, 12. 12. 1994, p. 7.
[2] OJ No L 275, 28. 10. 1996, p. 1.