
RESOLUTION No. 61 ON DANGEROUS GOODS DATA BASES

[CM(87)23]

The Council of Ministers of Transport, meeting in Paris on 19th November 1987,

CONSIDERING:

- that the safe transport of dangerous goods is a priority objective;
- that developments in computers and telematics offer new possibilities to set up and use data banks;
- that the availability, for industry, for transporters and the public authorities of reliable, accurate and usable information on the rules in force is an important factor in safety;

NOTING that dangerous goods data bases have been, or are being set up in several ECMT countries;

DECIDES:

- to encourage the introduction of data banks on dangerous goods regulations, especially for road transport;
- to adopt report [CM(87)20] and its conclusions;

BELIEVES that harmonization of the information contained in these banks can be a simplifying factor for those involved in international transport and can contribute to improving the safety of the transport of dangerous goods;

RECOMMENDS:

- that information on existing or planned projects in Member countries should be circulated by the ECMT Secretariat;
- that, with a view to increasing the compatibility of the different systems, existing data banks and those which are planned in ECMT Member countries should:
 - have a method of helping to identify the product;
 - contain the basic information listed in Annex 1 of the report [CM(87)20], information which can be accessed using the regulatory name of the product, the UN reference number and the ADR classification;

- be able to provide check lists on the regulations that have to be followed by those involved;
- that ECMT Members should encourage studies to be undertaken with a view to making harmonised multilingual safety records available as soon as possible;

ASKS the Committee of Deputies to report on the implementation of this resolution within three years.