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SNOW PLAN IN WALLONIA

Summary:

The difficulties encountered during the winter 2010/2011 led the Wallonia authorities more structured implementation of specific provisions to strengthen internal coordination in Wallonia and enable effective collaborations with foreign authorities. From spring 2011, the administration responsible for the management of roads (DGO1), Regional Centre Crisis Wallonia (CRCW) and the Federal Police Road (WPR) proposed a plan combining original measurements, additional resources and cross-border cooperation structured, and the management of all being provided by a lightweight structure, common to all three stakeholders, the Road Action Unit (CAR). The plan relies on snow stopped traffic ban that will be taken by the Wallonia Regional Minister in charge of Public Works and Road Safety. These exclusion orders apply only to vehicles used to transport things with a length of over 13 meters (therefore mainly articulated vehicles and trucks + trailers). The plan's objective is to provide snow services to act preventively and in an organized manner to ensure maximum mobility on main roads during winter weather. The strategy is firstly to allow vehicles over 13 meters continue their journey via other routes while staying on the main roads. In a second time, if conditions warrant, these vehicles will be immobilized in predefined areas.

