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Minimum wall thickness for Metal IBCs*

Transmitted by the Stainless Steel Container Association (SSCA)**

Introduction

- 1. In the forty-fourth session (25 November-4 December 2013) SSCA presented the working document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2013/57 and the Sub-Committee has discussed the proposal deleting the minimum wall thickness requirements for metal IBCs.
- 2. At that time the majority of experts were against that proposal, although some said that they would accept the deletion of 6.5.5.1.6 provided that the wall thickness in mm continued to be required in the additional marking under 6.5.2.2. In their view, where metal IBCs were concerned, a minimum thickness was a safety measure, and it was necessary to be able to ascertain the degree of corrosion to the metal.
- 3. Moreover SSCA was requested to support its arguments by relevant data.
- 4. This document intends therefore (a) to remind to the arguments brought forward already with ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2013/57 and (b) to deal with topic "minimum thickness as a safety measure in the context of corrosion", to support SSCA arguments with relevant data and to provide a text proposal on the information on the wall thickness.

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- 5. Chapter 6.5 of the United Nations Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods describes the requirements for the construction and testing of Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBCs).
- 6. As defined in 6.5.1.3 there is a wide range of IBCs (categories) manufactured with different materials in accordance with table 6.5.1.4.1 (b). The general principle for the manufacturing of IBCs is that they have if applicable to pass the different design type tests as described for example in 6.5.6.4 (Bottom Lift test), 6.5.6.5 (Top Lift test), 6.5.6.6 (Stacking test), 6.5.6.7 (Leakproofness test), 6.5.6.8 (Hydraulic Pressure test), 6.5.6.9 (Drop test), and 6.5.6.12 (Vibration test). The criterion for passing the tests is the "performance".
- 7. Except for metal IBCs, there are no requirements defined which relate to the design and extend beyond the performance criterion. It can therefore be assumed that all IBCs which pass the design type tests are safe for the transport of dangerous goods. Para. 6.6.6.1.1 describes the fundamental test requirements for IBCs: "Each IBC design type shall successfully pass the tests prescribed in this chapter before being used and being approved by the competent authority allowing the allocation of the mark. An IBC design type is defined by the design, size, material and thickness, manner of construction and means of filling and discharging but may include various surface treatments...". But only for metal IBCs there is a "Minimum Wall Thickness" requirement in 6.5.5.1.6 (and in the table in 6.5.2.2.1).
- 8. SSCA thinks that this requirement is still a vestige / remnant from former times when metal IBCs were derived from tank containers (cubical tank containers). These regulations had made provisions regarding minimal wall thickness (former German "Technische Richtlinien für kubische Tankcontainer TRKTC 001").
- 9. To treat all manufactures of IBCs in the same manner, SSCA proposes to delete the requirement "Minimum Wall Thickness" in 6.5.5.1.6 (and in the table in 6.5.2.2.1) **while retaining the information on the wall thickness**. The proposal is drafted below.
- 10. The deletion of the "minimum wall thickness" would lead to the effect that for manufacturers of metal IBCs the direct **access to innovation** and new developments is no longer blocked as it is today to a large extent.
- 11. The proposed revision would also help the manufacturers of metal IBCs to produce their metal IBCs in accordance with requirements coming from environmental legal regulations and customers' demands. Examples regarding the environmental aspect are the European Packaging and Packaging waste Directive (the packaging must meet certain "Essential Requirements") as well as the new ISO Standard series ISO 18601 (especially ISO 18602 "Packaging and the environment Optimization of the packaging system"). The optimisation of the wall thickness **while ensuring performance** could contribute to the environment protection by the realisation of a lower packaging weight and the sustainable use of resources.
- 12. Regarding the topic "corrosion" the experts expressed their view that where metal IBCs were concerned a minimum thickness was a safety measure, and it was necessary to be able to ascertain the degree of corrosion to the metal. SSCA would like to explain that neither the prescribed thickness in 6.5.5.1.6 (a) nor the thickness calculated with the formula 6.5.5.1.6 (b) make able to ascertain the degree of corrosion to the metal. But anyway a corrosion allowance is not required on surfaces if they are adequately protected against corrosion or if the material as such is non-corrosive. That means the design, materials and construction should be selected to **minimise corrosion**.
- 13. (Metal) IBCs are "transport containers" that means they are periodically filled, emptied, cleaned and inspected and not foreseen to be used for storage. Therefore the cycles of filling and emptying are very short and corrosion if despite selection of material at all

possible – would be detected immediately and the **wall thickness can be measured at the periodic inspection**. This makes sure that the **extraordinary life time** of metal IBCs is remained and will not be affected.

- 14. Regarding the request to support arguments by relevant data SSCA has initiated a test. A protected metal IBC (31A) was successfully tested at TÜV Rheinland in Halle. The test report is attached in the **Annex**. We would like to summarise: As is evident from the test report, the wall thickness of the tested container is between 0.97 (top), 0.98 (body) and 1.42 (bottom). According to the 6.5.5.1.6 the wall thickness for metal IBC should in no case be less than 1.5 mm. In our view, the successful test illustrates, that this requirement is no longer appropriate.
- 15. SSCA would appreciate if this proposal would be considered by the Sub-Committee and if we were given the opportunity to introduce the paper.

Proposal

16. <u>Amend</u> the table in 6.5.2.2.1 by deleting "minimum" in the third row under "Additional marks", as follows:

"Body material and its minimum thickness in mm"

17. **Delete** 6.5.5.1.6.

Annex

Test report "Design type test of an intermediate bulk container (IBC) for the transport of dangerous goods" / Code: UN 31A



Prüfbericht Test Report

Nr. / No 180065

1. Ausfertigung, Rev. 0 / original copy Rev. 0 Vom / dated 28.03.2018

Baumusterprüfung eines Kombinations-Großpackmittels (IBC) für den Transport flüssiger gefährlicher Güter

Design type test of an intermediate bulk container (IBC) for the transport of dangerous liquid goods

IBC 1000 L/D

UN 31A

Mindestwandstärke / Minimum wall thickness 1,0 mm

Prüfbericht Test report by	DiplIng. S. Hoyer
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Prüfung Test carried out by	M. Behrend

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Rechtsgrundlagen / Legal bases

Gefahrgutverordnung Straße, Eisenbahn und Binnenschifffahrt in der Fassung der Bekanntmachung vom 30. März 2017 (2017 S.)

(German regulation concerning the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail and inland waterways)

Gefahrgutverordnung See vom 09. Februar 2016 (BGBI. I S. 182), die durch Artikel 14 der Verordnung vom 26. Juli 2016 (BGBI. I S. 1843) geändert worden ist (German regulation concerning the transport of dangerous goods by sea)

Luftverkehrs-Zulassungs-Ordnung vom 19. Juni 1964 (BGBl. I S. 370), die zuletzt durch Artikel 1 der Verordnung vom 30. März 2017 (BGBl. I S. 683) geändert worden ist (German regulation concerning the transport of dangerous goods by air)

Erklärung der Prüfstelle:

Die versandfertigen IBCs wurden in Übereinstimmung mit den entsprechenden Vorschriften nach ADR 2017, Abschnitt 6.5.6. geprüft.

Der Prüfbericht kann bei Anwendung anderer Verpackungsmethoden oder bei Verwendung anderer Verpackungsbestandteile ungültig werden.

The IBCs in a state ready for shipping were tested in accordance with the appropriate rules contained in ADR/RID 2017, section 6.5.6. This test report, however, may become invalid if package parts, or packaging methods other than tested are used or applied, respectively.

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Abschnitt I / Section I Bauartmerkmale / Design Features

1. Antragsteller / Hersteller / Applicant / Manufacturer

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Inhalt des Prüfauftrags / Scope of Testing Order

Inhalt des Antrags Contant of proposal	(IBC) au Design ty	Baumusterprüfung an einem 1000-l-Großpackmittel (IBC) aus Stahl Design type test of an 1000-l-intermedian bulk container (IBC) made from steel					
Herstellerbezeichnung Manufacturer's description	IBC 1000 L/D						
Prüfbedingungen / Test specifications							
Prüfflüssigkeit test liquid	V-Grp Pack Group	Dichte (kg/l) Density	Stapelung (Lagen aufgestapelt) Stackable	Innendruck (kPa) Intern. pressure			
Wasser / water	ll ll	1,2		65 / 200			

2. Prüfergebnis / Test Results

Siehe Abschnitt II dieses Berichtes See in Section II of this test report.



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3. Baumusterbeschreibung / Design Type Description

3.1. Zeichnungen / Werkstoffe / Drawings / materials

Benennung / description	Zeichnungs-Nr. drawing no.	Werkstoff ¹ material	Anlage Nr. annex
IBC 1000 L/D 1070 4301-2B Schraubd. DN 400	15.100.001280 vom/dated 27.03.2018	Siehe Stückliste/ see parts list	1 Blatt 1 1 sheet 1
Stückliste / parts list	15.100.001280 vom/ <i>dated</i> 27.03.2018		1 Blatt 2 bis 3 1 sheet 2 to 3

3.2. Hauptabmessungen / Main Dimensions (mm)

Benennung / Description	Zeichnungsmaß size according to drawing	Istmaß actual size
Länge des IBC / length of IBC	1200	1201
Breite des IBC / width of IBC	1100	1100
Höhe des IBC / height of IBC	1660	1662
Durchmesser Einfüllöffnung diameter of charging hole	400	398
Wanddicken / wall thickness:	1,0/1,0/1,5	0,98/0,97/1,42
Mantelblech/ Oberboden/Unterboden		
Cylindrical Shell/ top bottom/ down bottom		

3.3. Volumen / Massen / Cubic Contents / Weights

Benennung / description	istwert / actual value
max. Fassungsraum / max. volume content (I)	1010
Taramasse / tare weight (kg)	217,6

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¹ Nach Angabe des Herstellers



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Abschnitt II / Section II

Bauartprüfung / Design Type Testing

1. Probenahme / Sampling

Die Bereitstellung von 1 Prüfmuster erfolgte durch den Auftraggeber. The test sample was provided by the client.

2. Prüfumfang / Scope of testing

Prüfmuster test samples	Prüfverfahren test method	Prüfvorschrift test specification				
		ADR/RID Pkt. paragraph	IMDG-Code Pkt. paragraph			
1	Vibrationsprüfung vibration test	6.5.6	5.13			
1	Innendruckprüfung internal pressure test	6.5.6	6.8			
1	Fallprüfung drop test	6.5.6.9				



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3. Durchführung der Prüfung / testing

Vibrationsprüfung / vibration test

Prüfeinrichtung test equipment	Vibrationstisch vibration table
Fixierung des IBCs gegen seitliche Verschiebung fixation against lateral displacement	mit dem Vibrationstisch verschraubte Metallstücke metal plates fixed on vibration table
Anzahl der Prüfmuster number of test samples	1
Füllgut für die Prüfung / Füllgrad material filled-in for testing / filling level	Wasser / >98 % water / >98%
Prüffrequenz test frequency	3,32 Hz
Vertikale Auslenkung des IBCs bei Prüffrequenz vertical deflection during test frequency	>1,6 mm
Kontrolle der Auslenkung control of vertical deflection	Unterschieben des Prüfbleches der Abmessung Länge >100 mm, Breite >50 mm, Dicke 1,6 mm an verschiedenen Stellen der Palettenkufen push a metal testsheet length >100mm, width >50mm, thickness 1,6mm underneath different points of the skid palett
Prüfdauer duration of testing	60 min
Prüfergebnis test result	kein zu Bruch gehen bzw. Versagen der baulichen Ausrüstungsteile und keine Undichtheit erkennbar no cracks, failures of the components and no leaking visible



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Innendruckprüfung (hydraulisch) / Internal pressure (hydraulic) test

Prüfmedium test medium	Leitungswasser tab water
Druckeinleitung pressure charging	Über G 1" Stutzen through nozzles G1"
Druckmessgerät pressure gauge	Manometer 0-160 kPa, Klasse 1,0 manometer 0-160 kPa, class 1,0
Anzahl der Prüfmuster number of test samples	1
Prüfdauer duration of testing	10 min je Stufe / 10 min for each step
Prüfdruck / Ergebnis / test result test pressure /	1. Stufe: 65 kPa keine bleibenden Verformungen erkennbar / no deformations visible 2. Stufe: 200 kPa keine Undichtheiten und keine die Sicherheit des IBCs beeinträchtigende bleibende Verformung erkennbar / no leakage and permanent deformations visible defacing the safety of IBC

Fallprüfung / Drop test

Fallfundament impact surface	Stahlbetonfundament mit aufgesetzter Stahlplatte, 100 mm dick, Gesamtmasse: >50 t steel plate, 100 mm thick, horizontally placed onto reinforced concrete foundation; total weight approx. 50 metric tons
Fallvorrichtung dropping mechanism	Fallhaken mit elektromechanischer Auslösung drop-hook with electro mechanical tripping device
Füllgut für die Prüfung material filled-in for testing	Wasser mit Frostschutzmittel water, with anti-freezing compound added
Füllgrad filling level	>98 % des Fassungsvermögens > 98 % of rated capacity
Anzahl der Prüfmuster number of test samples	1
Prüfmustertemperatur temperature of test sample	10 °C
Fallhöhe dropping height	1,2 m
Fallausrichtung orientation of drop	flach / auf dem Boden flat / onto the bottom



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Prüfergebnis test result	nach Aufprall: Deformationen im Bereich der Aufprallstelle, kein Füllgutaustritt - dicht nach Druckausgleich nach 5 Min hängend: kein Füllgutaustritt - keine weiteren Schäden
	after impact: deformations visible, tight after pressure compensation after 5min hanging: no leaking, no other damage

Fotodokumentation / documentation with photos





Prüfmuster vor dem Vibrationstest/ Sample before vibration test

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Hydraulische Innendruckprüfung / internal pressure (hydraulic test)





Falltest /drop test

Prüfmuster nach der Fallprüfung / sample after drop test

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Deformationen nach dem Falltest / deformations after drop test

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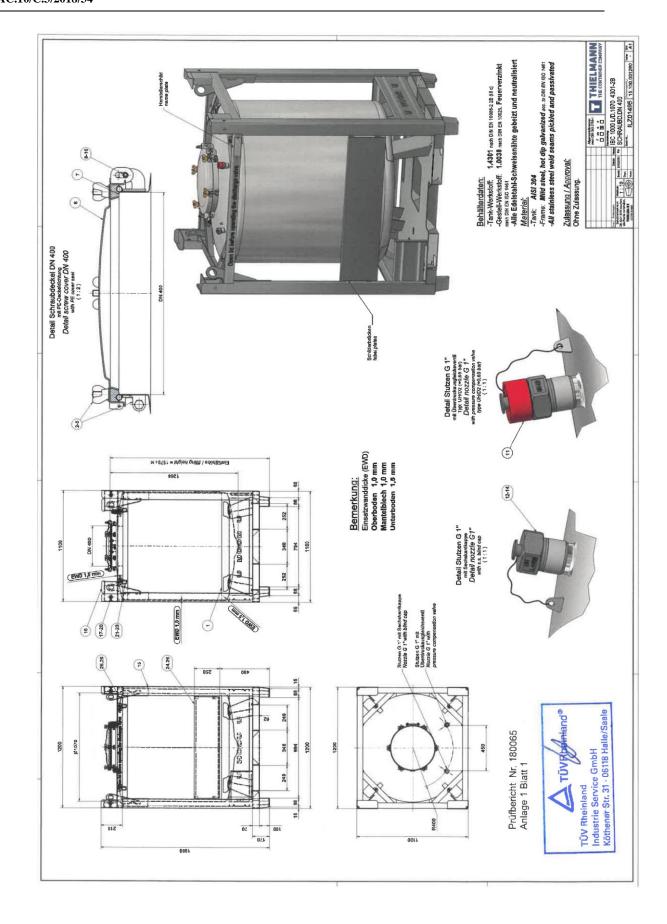
The report is made out in two original copies to be used by the applicant, plus one copy of the first original to be retained by the Inspection Agency.

Halle, den 28.03.2018

Dipl. Ing. S. Brandt

Leiter der Prüfstelle / Head of Test laboratory

Dipl.-Ing. S. Hoyer Sachverständiger / Expert



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