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PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE RID/ADR

PART 6 – CHAPTER 6.2; STAMPMARKING OF RECEPTACLES FOR CLASS 2

Transmitted by the European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA) */

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This proposal restores the derogation which existed in previous versions of the RID/ADR allowing the date of the periodic inspection to be stamped as the year only when the maximum period between inspections was 10 year or more.
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Insert a note following the text on stampmarking for periodic inspection given in 6.2.1.7.6.
<i>Relevant documents:</i>	TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2001/49; TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/86 paragraphs 16-21 and TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/86/Add.3 page 7.

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Introduction

At its meeting in September 2001, the Joint Meeting agreed to harmonize the provisions for stampmarking of receptacles for Class 2 with those in the 12th revised edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, based on a proposal from EIGA TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2001/49 and INF. 24 from AEGPL. The text adopted, shown in TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/86/Add.3, however, does not contain the note which currently appears in 6.2.1.7.1 (f) of the 2001 RID/ADR text. This note allows receptacles in accordance with ADR/RID whose test period is 10 years or more to be stamped with the year only. The omission of this note was an unintentional error and EIGA does not believe that the Joint Meeting intended that this derogation should be deleted.

Proposal

The omission described above can be rectified by inserting the existing Note without alteration after the new text of 6.2.1.7.6 as follows.

6.2.1.7.6 In addition to the preceding marks, each refillable pressure receptacle shall be marked indicating the date (year (two digits) followed by the month(two digits) separated by a slash (i.e.“/”)) of the last periodic inspection and the registered mark of the inspection body authorized by the competent authority of the country of use.

NOTE: The month need not be indicated for gases for which the interval between periodic inspection is 10 years or more (see 4.1.4.1 packing instructions P200 (9) and P203 (8)).

6.2.1.7.7 For acetylene cylinders, with the

Justification

This proposal restores the system of recording dates which has worked satisfactorily in Europe for many years.
