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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

Pending issues

Cylinders for breathing appliances

Transmitted by the European Commission^{1, 2}

Summary

Executive summary:	This proposal requests special provision 655 (on cylinders for breathing appliances) be applied to UN Nos. 1072, 1956 and 3156
Action to be taken:	Apply special provision 655 to UN Nos. 1072, 1956 and 3156
Related documents:	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2008/19 (France) Informal document INF.20 (Sweden) (September 2008) Informal document INF.29 (France) (September 2008) ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/112, paragraph 22 and annex II.

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Introduction

1. The September 2009 Joint Meeting adopted changes to special provision 655 for cylinders for breathing appliances conforming with the requirements of Directive 97/23/EC on pressure equipment.

2. Special provision 655 was applied only to UN 1002 AIR COMPRESSED. Further research has indicated that three other UN numbers are also used in these cylinders for breathing appliances. These UN numbers are:

UN 1072 OXYGEN, COMPRESSED

UN 1956 COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S.

UN 3156 COMPRESSED GAS, OXIDIZING, N.O.S.

3. It would therefore be logical to apply special provision 655 to these gases.

Proposal

4. To add 655 in column (6) of Table A in Chapter 3.2 for the following UN numbers:

UN 1072 OXYGEN, COMPRESSED

UN 1956 COMPRESSED GAS, N.O.S.

UN 3156 COMPRESSED GAS, OXIDIZING, N.O.S.

Justification

Safety: No impact.

Feasibility: No problem.

Enforcement: This amendment resolves potential problems with the applicability of special provision 655 by ensuring consistent application for all gases used in cylinders for breathing apparatus.
