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Mass of salvage packagings

Introduction

1. The Belgian expert agrees with the statements of Germany that due to the provision of 6.1.1.1 of the Model Regulations the maximum net mass of salvage packagings shall not exceed 400 kg and 450 l, and that as a consequence, salvage packagings can be used for packagings in a narrow sense (drums, jerricans, boxes) only.

2. As in the harbours and on the road there are not only problems occurring with smaller packaging but also with bigger ones such as IBC's, the Belgian expert would propose to add a supplementary possibility of salvage packagings with a higher volume and authorized gross mass.

3. This could be done under chapter 6.6 Large Packaging of the Model Regulations, as at that moment this type of salvage would be close to the definition of a large packaging.

4. *Large packaging means a packaging consisting of an outer packaging which contains articles or inner packagings and which*

(a) Is designed for mechanical handling and/or

(b) Exceeds 400 kg net mass or 450 litres capacity but has a volume of not more than 3 m³;

A test regime could be similar as that for the actual salvage packagings.

Proposal

5. If there would be a support for this proposal, the Belgian expert is willing to prepare for the next meeting a written proposal for changes to be brought in chapter 6.6 such as additional marking and test regime to authorise salvage packagings which exceed 400 kg or 450 litres..