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Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN: new proposals

Amendment of special provision 655 due to a change in European legislation

Transmitted by the Government of Switzerland^{1, 2}

I. Introduction

1. On 15 May 2014, Directive 2014/68/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of pressure equipment was issued as a recast of Directive 97/23/EC (PED). Directive 97/23/EC is mentioned in special provision 655 and will be repealed on 19 July 2016. Therefore, we propose the following amendment.

II. Proposal

2. Amend special provision 655 as follows (changes underlined and bold):

“655 Cylinders and their closures designed, constructed, approved and marked in accordance with Directive 97/23/EC⁴ **or Directive 2014/68/EU⁵** and used for breathing apparatus may be carried without conforming to Chapter 6.2, provided that they are subject to inspections and tests specified in 6.2.1.6.1 and the interval

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2014–2015 (ECE/TRANS/240, para. 100, ECE/TRANS/2014/23, cluster 9, para.9.2).

² Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2015/44.

between tests specified in packing instruction P200 in 4.1.4.1 is not exceeded. The pressure used for the hydraulic pressure test is the pressure marked on the cylinder in accordance with Directive 97/23/EC⁴ **or Directive 2014/68/EU⁵**.

⁴⁾ *Directive 97/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 May 1997 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning pressure equipment (PED) (Official Journal of the European Communities No. L 181 of 9 July 1997, p. 1 - 55).*

⁵⁾ **Directive 2014/68/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of pressure equipment (PED) (Official Journal of the European Union No. L 189 of 27 June 2014, p. 164 - 259).**¹⁷
