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Transport of gases: miscellaneous

Provisions for closures of pressure receptacles

Transmitted by the Compressed Gas Association (CGA) and the European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA)

Introduction

1. At the forty eighth session EIGA transmitted informal document INF.4 regarding provisions for closures of pressure receptacles. In response, CGA transmitted informal document INF.35 (48th session) raising a number of concerns.
2. The report of the forty-eighth session stated that the representatives of EIGA and CGA would work together in order to submit, at the next or subsequent session, a proposal that took account of the different practices; interested delegations were invited to contact the representative of EIGA.
3. CGA and EIGA have had a number of provisional discussions, and it is apparent that there are a number of significant differences regarding assessment of closures or pressure receptacles.
4. Recognising that a solution to this issue needs to be found, CGA and EIGA shall be initiating discussions after Summer 2017 to develop a common position. As most of these discussions are intended to be via conference call, interested parties are requested to contact either CGA or EIGA to advise of their interest.