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**Miscellaneous proposals for amendments to the  
Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods  
portable tanks**

## **Tanks – Inspection of pressure-relief device**

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

### **Introduction**

1. The Expert from Germany has transmitted ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2017/30 proposing that the provisions of 4.2.1.17 should apply to “substances with a Class 8 subsidiary hazard.”
  2. Whilst fully recognising and appreciating the intent to assess any defects in pressure relief devices at the earliest opportunity, the experience of EIGA members, who transport a number of the substances with a Class 8 subsidiary hazard, is that the existing inspection regime is satisfactory.
  3. At the time of fill, pressure relief devices are subject to an inspection. This inspection will include a leakproof test.
  4. Within ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2017/30 there is no evidence to support the reduction in the inspection interval. As a minimum to accompany any proposal to reduce (or increase) an inspection interval, evidence would be expected, for example results of lift tests of in-service pressure relief devices.
  5. EIGA would be happy to work with the Expert from Germany on EIGA members’ experience of pressure relief devices.
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