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Item 2 of the provisional agenda:

Tanks

Survey of the views of the Joint Meeting on the concept of national systems considered to be equivalent to the ISO/IEC system of accreditation as has been proposed by the informal working group on the inspection and certification of tanks

Transmitted by the Government of the United Kingdom on behalf of the Working Group on Tanks

1. Following a discussion in the plenary of the autumn session in September 2020, the Joint Meeting invited the Working Group on Tanks to formulate a survey that could be used by the Joint Meeting to help determine whether it would be appropriate for the informal working group on the inspection and certification of tanks to progress further their work on the notification and approval of national systems equivalent to the ISO/IEC system of accreditation as proposed in 1.8.6.2.4 of INF.6/Rev.1.

2. The Working Group on Tanks, taking into account comments received and views expressed during the plenary session, and in particular the observations of the secretariat on the appropriateness and legal base of the notification and approval process proposed for such systems, considered the proposals and formulated the survey below to be reported back to the plenary during the autumn session in September 2020.

3. The survey sets out five different scenarios, with each successive scenario limiting further the activities of inspection bodies approved according to a national system. On this basis the member countries of the Joint Meeting are invited by way of the survey to indicate their preferred scenario for the 2023 editions of RID/ADR. Note that scenario iii) is the proposal in INF.6/Rev.1.

4. For RID Contracting States.

Do you agree that in addition to inspection bodies being approved according to the ISO/IEC system of accreditation, inspection bodies should, as an alternative, at the discretion of the RID Contracting State, also be allowed to be approved :

- i) on a permanent basis according to current national provisions (Y/N), or*
- ii) on a permanent basis according to a national system considered, by the RID Contracting State responsible for the national system, to be equivalent to the ISO/IEC system of accreditation (Y/N), or*
- iii) on a permanent basis according to a national system considered, by the RID Contracting State responsible for the national system, to be equivalent to the ISO/IEC system of accreditation, provided RID Contracting States have discretion to recognise and unrecognise such inspection bodies as proposed in 1.8.6.2.5.3 of INF.6/Rev.1 (Y/N), or*
- iv) on a permanent basis according to current national provisions, provided the activities of the inspection bodies so approved are permitted only to be performed nationally (Y/N), or*

- v) *on a temporary basis according to current national provisions until the end of a transitional measure, the duration of which would provide sufficient time for inspection bodies to be approved according only to the ISO/IEC system of accreditation (Y/N) ?*

NOTE: In ii) and iii) inspection bodies would need to be approved to a national system equivalent to the ISO/IEC system of accreditation by the end of a transitional measure.

5. For ADR Contracting Parties.

Do you agree that in addition to inspection bodies being approved according to the ISO/IEC system of accreditation, inspection bodies should, as an alternative, at the discretion of the ADR Contracting Party, also be allowed to be approved :

- i) *on a permanent basis according to current national provisions (Y/N), or*
- ii) *on a permanent basis according to a national system considered, by the ADR Contracting Party responsible for the national system, to be equivalent to the ISO/IEC system of accreditation (Y/N), or*
- iii) *on a permanent basis according to a national system considered, by the ADR Contracting Party responsible for the national system, to be equivalent to the ISO/IEC system of accreditation, provided ADR Contracting Parties have discretion to recognise and unrecognise such inspection bodies as proposed in 1.8.6.2.5.3 of INF.6/Rev.1 (Y/N), or*
- iv) *on a permanent basis according to current national provisions, provided the activities of the inspection bodies so approved are permitted only to be performed nationally (Y/N), or*
- v) *on a temporary basis according to current national provisions until the end of a transitional measure, the duration of which would provide sufficient time for inspection bodies to be approved according only to the ISO/IEC system of accreditation (Y/N) ?*

NOTE: In ii) and iii) inspection bodies would need to be approved to a national system equivalent to the ISO/IEC system of accreditation by the end of a transitional measure.
