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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN* **

Marking of periodic inspections of pressure receptacles

Transmitted by the Government of France

SUMMARY

Executive summary: Improve the coherence of the text on the marking of periodic inspections.

Action to be taken: Amend 6.2.3.9.6 of RID/ADR 2009.

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Introduction

1. In 6.2.2.7.6, the marking of periodic inspections specifically includes “The character(s) identifying the country authorizing the body performing the periodic inspection and test” when the body has been authorized by the competent authority of a country other than that authorizing manufacture. But 6.2.3.9.6 does not call for such a marking to be made on the ring, notwithstanding the fact that it cannot be dissociated from the other two periodic inspection markings (the date and the stamp of the inspection body). The Government of France is therefore proposing an amendment of 6.2.3.9.6.

Proposal

2. Amend 6.2.3.9.6 to read as follows:

“The date of the most recent periodic inspection, the stamp of the inspection body and, when applicable, the character(s) identifying the country may be engraved on a ring of an appropriate material affixed to the cylinder when the valve is installed and which is removable only by disconnecting the valve from the cylinder.”

Justification

3. Safety: This clarifies the text; there is thus no safety issue.
4. Feasibility: This clarifies the text; there is thus no feasibility issue.
5. Enforcement: This clarifies the text; there is thus no enforcement issue.
