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Amendment of ADR/RID

Transmitted by the European Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association (AEGPL) */

Summary :

Proposal to change special requirement v of the current P200 concerning the interval between 2 periodic inspections of LPG cylinders and consequently the figure for substances UN N° 1011, UN N° 1969, UN N° 1978 & UN N° 1965 in the column "test period, years" in the table of products of P200 (Chapter 4).

Justification :

- 1- The practice of the 15-year interval between 2 periodic inspections for LPG cylinders is used in almost all European countries (see attached document) with an excellent safety record when EN 1440 is complied with, enabling the European LPG industry to propose an amendment of the current dispositions of ADR/RID in order to pass from 10 years to 15 years.
- 2- Consequently, the current special requirement v of P200 must be amended to take into account the above change and also to avoid the multiplication of bilateral agreements between member States which are currently necessary to allow the free circulation in Europe of LPG cylinders under the 15 years interval regime.

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Proposal :

- a) In the table of products of P200, in the row relative to UN N° 1011, UN N° 1969, UN N° 1978 & UN N°1965, for column "test period, years" change the figure 10 (years) into 15 (years) for each of the different mixtures grades.
- b) To amend (9) v as follows:

"the interval between inspections for welded steel cylinders shall be in accordance with the requirements of a technical code or a standard recognized by the competent Authority(ies) of the country(ies) where the periodic inspection and the carriage take place or, for cylinders dedicated to the carriage of Liquefied Petroleum Gases, in accordance with EN1440:1996"Transportable refillable welded steel cylinders for Liquefied Petroleum gases (LPG) - Periodic requalification".

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