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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Chapter 1.6 : Transitional measures

Transmitted by the Government of Belgium

Background

During its meeting of September 2009, the RID/ADR/ADN-Joint Meeting decided to introduce the following new transitional measures :

- 1.6.3.x *Fixed tanks (tank-vehicles), demountable tanks and battery vehicles designed and constructed in accordance with standards applicable at the time of their construction (see 6.8.2.6 and 6.8.3.6) according to the provisions of ADR which were applicable at that time may still be used unless restricted by a specific transitional measure.*
- 1.6.4.x *Tank-containers and MEGCs designed and constructed in accordance with standards applicable at the time of their construction (see 6.8.2.6 and 6.8.3.6) according to the provisions of ADR which were applicable at that time may still be used unless restricted by a specific transitional measure.*

These texts were adopted very late in the meeting, and there was no time left to take care of any consequential amendments in the already existing transitional measures. The meeting suggested that these consequential amendments could be brought forward directly at the WP.15 and the RID Committee of Experts level.

Problem encountered

The transitional measures mentioned above were developed by the tank working group. That is the reason why no new text has been proposed for the pressure receptacles. As a result of this, the (new) transitional measures for tanks are more restrictive than (the already existing) 1.6.2.5 for pressure receptacles, without any reason.

Proposal

Bring sub-section 1.6.2.5 in line with the newly adopted 1.6.3.x and 1.6.4.x, as follows (the new text is in bold and underlined) :

“1.6.2.5 Pressure receptacles and their closures designed and constructed in accordance with standards applicable at the time of their construction (see 6.2.4) according to the provisions of ADR which were applicable at that time may still be used **unless restricted by a specific transitional measure.**”

Justification

Consequential amendments made necessary in order to obtain uniformity with previous decisions.

Safety implications

None.

Feasibility

This proposal does not present any problems of implementation nor negative consequences.
