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Tanks

Interpretation of standards

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Summary

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| Executive summary: | In the standard table in subsection 6.8.2.6.1 of RID/ADR the standards are organized under different headings. This may cause some confusion whether the standards should be applied as mandatory or not |
| Related documents: | Clarify whether the headings are to be considered as regulation text, and thereby take precedence over the scope as stated in the standard. |

Introduction

1. In RID/ADR there are several standards referred to as mandatory. However, sometimes there might be difficulties in understanding whether a standard should be applied as mandatory or not.
2. E.g. the table in RID/ADR subsection 6.8.2.6.1 are listing standards which are mandatory to apply for design and construction of tanks. The standards are organized under different headings, which also can be found in other standard tables in the regulation.
3. The report from the Joint Meeting in Bern, 18-22 March 2013, states that: *“Delegations experiencing difficulties of interpretation for some references, as in the cases presented by Germany, were requested to bring the cases to the attention of the Joint Meeting with proposals for a note to clarify the scope.”*
4. During the same meeting, following text was adopted for entry into sub-section 6.8.2.6.1: *“The scope of application of each standard is defined in the scope clause of the standard unless otherwise specified in the table below.”*
5. Section 1.1.5 states that if there are any conflicts between a standard and the regulation, the regulation takes precedence.

Problem

6. In the scope of some standards, e.g. EN 14432:2006, listed in the table in 6.8.2.6.1 it is stated that the standard are intended for design and construction of transportable tanks with a minimum working pressure greater than 50 kPa.
 7. However, as EN 14432:2006 is listed under “For all tanks” it should also be mandatory for tanks with a working pressure below 50 kPa.
 8. With respect to the texts in sub-section 6.8.2.6.1 and section 1.1.5, as described in paras 4 and 5 above, the Joint Meeting are invited to clarify whether the headings (i.e. For all tanks) are to be considered as regulation text, and thereby take precedence over the scope as stated in the standard.
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