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#### Tanks

### Marking of the date of the most recent test according to 6.8.2.5.1

#### Transmitted by the Government of France

##### *Summary*

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| <b>Executive summary:</b>  | How to apply 6.8.2.5.1 on the marking of the date of the most recent test when the hydraulic pressure test and the leakproofness test are not performed the same day. |
| <b>Action to be taken:</b> | Position to be taken for clarification and a possible future amendment.   |

### Introduction

1. Until 2005, RID/ADR 6.8.2.5.1 required the marking of the date of the last periodic inspection according to 6.8.2.4.2 referring to the hydraulic pressure test. A reference to 6.8.2.4.3 was then added for the marking of the date of the leakproofness test.
2. In 2009, the requirements of 6.8.2.4 were modified to introduce:
  - in 6.8.2.4.2 the periodic inspection which includes a hydraulic pressure test and a leakproofness test, and
  - in 6.8.2.4.3 the intermediate inspection which includes a leakproofness test.
3. 6.8.2.5.1 requires the marking of the "date and type of the most recent test; "month, year" followed by a "P" when the test is the initial test or a periodic test in accordance with 6.8.2.4.1 and 6.8.2.4.2, or "month, year" followed by an "L" when the test is an intermediate leakproofness test in accordance with 6.8.2.4.3".
4. When an initial inspection or a periodic inspection is performed it may happen that the hydraulic pressure test and the leakproofness test are not realized the same day. The interval may even reach several months between the two tests for example to take into account the mounting of the shell on the chassis and the fitting of service equipment.

5. In such case, it may seem more logical determining the date of the next inspection to take the most recent test date as the final step of the inspection (even if the initial hydraulic pressure test defines the “birth date” of the tank regarding the applicable version of RID/ADR). But it seems that different interpretations are possible.

## **Discussion**

6. We would like to know how this requirement is applied and the date is defined, and if it is necessary to modify 6.8.2.5.1 to clarify it.

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