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**REQUEST FOR A CLARIFICATION REGARDING 1.6.3.18 WITH REGARD
TO MOVING FIXED TANKS TO NEW CHASSIS**

Information Paper from the Government of Sweden

Summary

The aim of this clarification is to guarantee that the transitional provision 1.6.3.18 is applied in the same way throughout all countries signatory to the ADR Agreement.

Background

Today tank-vehicles are very often heavily used. In many cases the lifetime of the chassis is as little as three year, which is considerably shorter than the technical lifetime for the tank itself. Instead of extensive repair of the chassis it is profitable to invest in a new chassis. However, it is of course of interest to keep the tank and move it to the new chassis. Since a new chassis most likely will be superior to a worn one Sweden supports this idea.

Suggested application of transitional provision 1.6.3.18

This new combination will necessitate a new registration i.e. will have to fulfil the requirements of Part 9. In section 9.7.2 tanks are required to comply with relevant chapters in Part 6. However, we are of the opinion that the transitional provision 1.6.3.18 could be applied to the fixed tank alone and under the condition that the fastenings have not been significantly changed the old type approval still applies.

For the chassis itself the requirements for base vehicles in chapter 9.2 shall apply. For the completed vehicle all requirements in chapter 9.7 (except section 9.7.2) shall apply. This includes the new requirement on tank-vehicle stability in 9.7.5.2 when the vehicle is registered after 1 July 2003.

Remark

This understanding of the transitional provision has also been checked with the EC secretariat in Brussels.
