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Amendment to the Annex 1 of the report of the informal working group
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Transmitted by the Government of the United Kingdom

Introduction

At the previous joint meeting, the United Kingdom supported the proposals put forward by EIGA in their paper 2007/18, while presenting a number of possible amendments to the text.

There was no final agreement at the meeting on the proposed wording for paragraph 1.8.7.7.1 (g), relating to documentation. Delegates were not clear about the precise meaning and considered it overly detailed. The wording consequently remained in square brackets. The United Kingdom has since discussed this part of the text with EIGA and can now propose an agreed alternative.

Proposal

Replace the square bracketed text at 1.8.7.7.1 (g) as shown below:

[The list of the service equipment and description of the functioning of the equipment, including logic diagrams of functioning between service equipments, description of the flow diagram and logical commands and diagrams of the service equipment when applicable within a use manual;]

with

“The list of the service equipment with the relevant technical data and information on the safety equipment including the calculation of the relief capacity if relevant;”

The proposed, shorter text is based on the requirements for service equipment set out in indents 13 and 14 of clause 5.2.1.1 of EN 12972, a standard referenced for tanks (see ADR 6.8.2.6). It is much more generic : service equipment will often be very simple and not merit such documents as flow or logic diagrams or descriptions of functions. It also removes possible ambiguities, especially those associated with the phrase 'when applicable within a use manual' : opinions have differed as to whether this should apply to the whole sentence or only to certain elements of it.

Justification

The proposed text is clearer, can be generally applied and is based on an accepted EN standard.

Safety

No safety implications.

Feasibility

Improved by new clarity.

Enforceability

Improved by new clarity.
