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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

7.5.7.1 – Handling and Stowage

Transmitted by the European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA)

Introduction

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/41, transmitted by the European Commission, proposes a footnote to sub-section 7.5.7.1, which contains references to the European best practices guidelines on cargo securing and the references which already exist in section 7.1.1 of the UN Model Regulations.

The European Industrial Gases Association fully supports this, and to strengthen this footnote further recommends that a reference is added to a document produced by EIGA, which covers the specific requirements of Class 2.

Proposal

Add to the proposal contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/41, the following:

“For the load security of Class 2 receptacles, best practices are contained in the European Industrial Gases Document, 52/06, Load Securing of Class 2 Receptacles, available and freely downloadable at www.eiga.be.”

Thus the entire footnote would read:

“Footnote 1: Guidance on the stowing of transport units can be found in the “European Best Practice Guidelines on Cargo securing for Road Transport” published by the European commission, and in the IMO/ILO/UNECE “Guidelines for Packaging Cargo Transport Units (CTUs)” contained in the supplement to the

International Dangerous Goods code, or in the “Agreement governing the exchange and use of Wagons between Railway Undertakings (RIV 2000) Appendix II loading guidelines” published by the International Union of Railways (UIC). National Codes of practice may also be available (for example the United Kingdom Department for Transport “Code of Practice on Safety on Loads on Vehicles”).

For the load security of Class 2 receptacles, best practices are contained in the European Industrial Gases Document, 52/06, Load Securing of Class 2 Receptacles, available at www.eiga.be.”.

Justification

The EIGA document provides clear guidance on the load securing of Class 2 receptacles which is not covered elsewhere in published documentation

Safety

This should provide an added level of safety if applied when Class 2 receptacles are in carriage.

Feasibility

The practices outlined in the EIGA document are already widely used by the industry and thus are fully feasible.

Enforceability

The document is sufficiently clear that enforcement would not present any difficulty.
