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Tanks

Comments on document 2011/51 concerning

**Additional measures after emptying tanks of liquefied gas at
very low temperatures**

Transmitted by the Government of Switzerland

**Switzerland proposes to amend the proposed text of
document 2011/51.**

Add the following new paragraph 4.3.3.3.4 to subsection 4.3.3.3 (new text underlined):

“4.3.3.3.4 In periods when very low temperatures may occur, tanks not conforming to 6.8.2.1.7 (constructed before 01.01.2003), regarding the external design pressure of 0.4 bar, measures shall be taken during or after unloading to protect tanks transporting liquefied gas against the risk of deformation due to negative internal pressure, by filling them with nitrogen or another inert gas in order to maintain sufficient pressure inside the tank.”