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Transport of gases: Global recognition of UN and non-UN pressure receptacles

Global Recognition of UN and Non-UN Pressure Receptacles

Submitted by the experts from the United Kingdom and the United States of America

Introduction

1. At the forty-second session, the Sub-Committee agreed to a proposal¹ from the United Kingdom and the United States to include a work item on this biennium's programme of work and agreed to establish a correspondence working group for this purpose in accordance with the following terms of reference:

- Consider the safety implications of differing national/regional/UN design specifications;
- Consider the safety implications of differing approval and testing regimes for such pressure receptacles;
- Consider requirements for filling and use to better understand the implications of enhanced recognition;
- Propose measures that might be applied through inclusion in the Model Regulations or other instruments to promote mutual recognition and free movement of pressure receptacles on a global basis.

2. The experts from the United Kingdom and the United States are pleased to report that in querying affected industry, this issue has received significant interest from stakeholders involved in the global transport of gases.

3. Discussions with interested stakeholders are on-going with respect to identifying both the parameters and structure of the work as would be most beneficial. It is anticipated that between now and the forty-fourth session these discussions will result in a single set of recommendations reflecting the views of the stakeholders on how best to carry this work forward. The experts from the United Kingdom and the United States will continue to keep the Sub-Committee informed on the progress of this effort.

¹ UN/SCETDG/42/INF.14.