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**Transmitted by the Compressed Gas Association (CGA) European
Cylinder Makers Association (ECMA) and the European Industrial
Gases Association (EIGA)**

Introduction

1. ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/84, para. 83 Report of the Sub-Committee on its forty-second session stated regarding Global recognition of UN and non-UN pressure receptacles:

“The Sub-Committee supported adding this item to its work programme and agreed to establish a correspondence working group for this purpose in accordance with the terms of reference specified in informal document INF.14, (of the 42nd session), as follows:

- 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.

Proposals

2. The Compressed Gas Association, European Cylinder Makers Association and the European Industrial Gases Association support the initiative that is detailed in ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/84, para. 83 and wish to see this proceed.

3. In order to progress this initiative, it is proposed that an Intersessional correspondence working group is officially established and approved. This working group could meet at least initially over lunchtime during the Sub-Committee’s session and work intersessionally by correspondence. The authors of this paper are prepared to chair and provide secretarial services to such a group.