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##### Tanks

### **Carriage of tanks, battery vehicles (battery wagons) and MEGC following the expiry of deadlines for periodic and intermediate inspections**

**Transmitted by the International Union of Railways (UIC)<sup>1,2</sup>**

#### **Introduction**

1. For portable tanks, sections 6.7.2.19.6 and 6.7.3.15.6 (portable tanks for non-refrigerated liquefied gases) and 6.7.4.14.6 (portable tanks for refrigerated liquefied gases) stipulate that such tanks may be carried for a further three months beyond the date of expiry of the last periodic test or inspection (5-yearly or 2.5-yearly test/inspection), if they were filled prior to the date of expiry of the last periodic test or inspection.

2. They may also be carried beyond the date of expiry:

(a) after emptying but before cleaning, for the purpose of performing the next required test or inspection prior to refilling, and

(b) unless stipulated otherwise by the competent authority, for a period not to exceed six months beyond the date of expiry, in order to allow the return of dangerous goods for proper disposal or recycling. Reference to this exemption shall be mentioned in the transport document.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2014–2015 (ECE/TRANS/240, para. 100, ECE/TRANS/2014/23, cluster 9, para.9.2).

<sup>2</sup> Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2015/19.

3. Comparable provisions also exist for IBC (sub-section 4.1.2.2).
4. In the ADR/RID, only section 4.3.2.4.4 for uncleaned empty tanks states that such tanks may be carried after the expiry of the test/inspection periods mentioned in 6.8.2.4.2 (periodic test or inspection) and 6.8.2.4.3 (intermediate inspection), for the specific purpose of taking them for testing/inspection.
5. In practice, this often means that loaded tanks filled and accepted for carriage before expiry of the test/inspection period have to be stabled due to unforeseen delays to transport (e.g. technical problems, etc.) and can then be carried no further because the ADR/RID conditions are no longer met.

## Proposals

6. Add the following new 4.3.2.3.7

(RID:)

“4.3.2.3.7 Once the deadlines for the periodic tests or inspections provided for in 6.8.2.4.2 and 6.8.2.4.3 have passed, tank-wagons, battery-wagons, tank-containers, tank swap bodies and MEGCs may neither be filled nor consigned for transport. However, fixed tanks (tank vehicles), demountable tanks, battery vehicles (ADR), tank wagons, battery wagons (RID), tank containers, tank swap bodies and MEGCs filled prior to the deadlines provided for in 6.8.2.4.2 and 6.8.2.4.3 may be carried for a period not to exceed three months after the expiry of these deadlines.”.

(ADR:)

“4.3.2.3.7 Once the deadlines for the periodic tests or inspections provided for in 6.8.2.4.2 and 6.8.2.4.3 have passed, fixed tanks (tank vehicles), demountable tanks, battery-vehicles, tank-containers, tank swap bodies and MEGCs may neither be filled nor consigned for transport. However, fixed tanks (tank vehicles), demountable tanks, battery-vehicles, tank-containers, tank swap bodies and MEGCs filled prior to the deadlines provided for in 6.8.2.4.2 and 6.8.2.4.3 may be carried for a period not to exceed three months after the expiry of these deadlines.”.

7. Add the following new 4.3.2.3.8

(RID:)

“4.3.2.3.8 Additionally, unless stipulated otherwise by the competent authority, tank wagons, battery wagons (RID), tank containers, tank swap bodies and MEGCs may be carried for a period not to exceed six months after the expiry of this deadline, in order to allow the return of dangerous goods for proper disposal or recycling. Reference to this exemption shall be mentioned in the transport document.”.

(ADR:)

“4.3.2.3.8 Additionally, unless stipulated otherwise by the competent authority, fixed tanks (tank vehicles), demountable tanks, battery vehicles, tank containers, tank swap bodies and MEGCs may be carried for a period not to exceed six months after the expiry of this deadline, in order to allow the return of dangerous goods for proper disposal or recycling. Reference to this exemption shall be mentioned in the transport document.”.

## Consequential amendments

8. Amend 5.4.1.1.11 to read as follows (changes are underlined)

(RID:)

5.4.1.1.11 *Special provisions for the carriage of IBCs, tanks, battery vehicles, ~~or~~ portable tanks and MEGCs after the date of expiry of the last periodic test or intermediate test or inspection*

For carriage in accordance with 4.1.2.2 (b), 4.3.2.3.8, 6.7.2.19.6 (b), 6.7.3.15.6 (b) or 6.7.4.14.6 (b), a statement to this effect shall be included in the transport document, as follows: "Carriage in accordance with 4.1.2.2 (b)", "Carriage in accordance with 4.3.2.3.8", "Carriage in accordance with 6.7.2.19.6 (b)", "Carriage in accordance with 6.7.3.15.6 (b)" or "Carriage in accordance with 6.7.4.14.6 (b)" as appropriate.

(ADR:)

5.4.1.1.11 *Special provisions for the carriage of IBCs, battery wagons, ~~or~~ portable tanks and MEGCs after the date of expiry of the last periodic test or inspection*

For carriage in accordance with 4.1.2.2 (b), 4.3.2.3.8, 6.7.2.19.6 (b), 6.7.3.15.6 (b) or 6.7.4.14.6 (b), a statement to this effect shall be included in the transport document, as follows: "Carriage in accordance with 4.1.2.2 (b)", "Carriage in accordance with 4.3.2.3.8", "Carriage in accordance with 6.7.2.19.6 (b)", "Carriage in accordance with 6.7.3.15.6 (b)" or "Carriage in accordance with 6.7.4.14.6 (b)" as appropriate.”.

9. In the NOTE for 1.4.2.2.1d), after “4.3.2.4.4,” insert “4.3.2.3.7, 4.3.2.3.8”.

## Reasoning

10. Given the existing rules governing portable tanks, a harmonisation of the rules is sought enabling a workable approach to be taken to ADR/RID tanks also.