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Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN

New proposals

Amendment to the text of 6.8.2.5.1 of ADR

Submitted by the Government of Belarus*

Summary

Executive summary: Alignment of ADR 6.8.2.5 with ADR 6.8.2.4 with respect to tank marking.

Action to be taken: Introduce amendments to ADR 6.8.2.5.1.

Related documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2018/11

Introduction

1. Following a discussion about the introduction of amendments in ADR 6.8.2.5.1 at the 105th session of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, some delegations expressed the wish to defer discussion of this question at the Working Party, and to assign such work to the Working Group on Tanks of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting, since such a change will be applicable to all modes of transport. The secretariat requested the delegation of Belarus to send an official document with the proposals in question for consideration by the Working Group on Tanks at the spring 2019 session of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting.

2. Sub-sections 6.8.2.4.1–6.8.2.4.3 of ADR state that shells and their equipment shall, before being put into service, undergo an **initial inspection** and **periodic and intermediate inspections** during service.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2018–2019 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/237, annex V (9.1)).



3. Sub-section 6.8.2.4.4 of ADR states that, when the safety of the tank or of its equipment may have been impaired as a result of repairs, alterations or accident, an **exceptional check** shall be carried out.
4. These types of inspections or checks all include **tests**, such as hydraulic pressure tests or leakproofness tests.
5. Sub-section 6.8.2.5.1 of ADR states that the corrosion-resistant metal plate should be marked with the date and type of the most recent **test**: “month, year” followed by a “P” when the **test** is the **initial test** or a **periodic test** in accordance with 6.8.2.4.1 and 6.8.2.4.2 of RID/ADR, or “month, year” followed by an “L” when the test is an **intermediate test** of leakproofness in accordance with 6.8.2.4.3.
6. We consider it essential to indicate in 6.8.2.5.1 of ADR that the information to be displayed concerns the most recent **inspection** rather than **test**.

Proposals

7. Amend the tenth subparagraph of 6.8.2.5.1 of ADR to read:
“- date and type of the most recent inspection: “month, year” followed by a “P” when the inspection is the initial inspection or a periodic inspection in accordance with 6.8.2.4.1 and 6.8.2.4.2, or “month, year” followed by an “L” when the inspection is an intermediate inspection in accordance with 6.8.2.4.3;”

Rationale

8. The proposed amendments to 6.8.2.5.1 will align the marking requirements with 6.8.2.4.1–6.8.2.4.4.
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