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Item 2 of the provisional agenda:

Tanks

Report of the twelfth meeting of the informal working group on the inspection and certification of tanks

Transmitted by the Government of the United Kingdom

1. The informal working group on the inspection and certification of tanks met for the twelfth time in Madrid from 10th-11th July 2019, under the chairmanship of Mr. Steve Gillingham (United Kingdom). Representatives of Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain (our host), Turkey, the United Kingdom, the European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA) and the International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP), participated.

2. The meeting opened with a warm welcome from Jose Pablo Laguna Gómez, Head of Unit in the Spanish Ministry of Industry. The Chair thanked our host and the delegations present who had kindly organised their diaries to accommodate the meeting at short notice.

3. The Chair referred to the progress report submitted in June 2019 to the autumn 2019 session of the Joint Meeting regarding the outcome of the eleventh meeting, where it was agreed that a twelfth meeting would be necessary to complete the work on the remainder of the proposals for 1.8.7 from 1.8.7.5 onwards, and on the related proposals for Chapter 6.2 so that an informal document containing the full combined proposals for 1.8.6, 1.8.7 and the related sections in Chapter 6.8, and another informal document for the related sections in Chapter 6.2, could be considered at the autumn 2019 session of the Joint Meeting with a view to amending the 2021 Editions of RID/ADR.

4. The Chair thanked the Netherlands, France, Germany and EIGA for the work they had done in between the meetings to check and prepare the respective documents on 1.8.6, 1.8.7 and the related sections in Chapters 6.8 and 6.2 ahead of this meeting. The Chair also thanked the delegations for their comments on the proposals which were to be considered during the meeting. Subject to the consent of the Joint Meeting, the Chair informed the group that the usual room had been secured for the UK to host a meeting on 11-13 December 2019 if this was needed for the group to address any further comments from the Joint Meeting.

Appointment, control and monitoring of inspection bodies

5. In respect of the text proposals for 1.8.6 on the administrative controls for the activities of inspection bodies, the group underwent a line by line review, simplifying and clarifying the text as appropriate, including in 1.8.6.3.3.1 (formerly 1.8.6.4.1) on the delegation of inspection tasks, which took into account the interpretation provided by the Joint Meeting under agenda item 4 (Interpretation of RID/ADR/ADN) of the spring 2019 session.

Harmonisation of inspection procedures

6. The group returned to the line by line review of 1.8.7 from 1.8.7.5 onwards, simplifying and clarifying the text as appropriate. This included the insertion of new 1.8.7.7.3 on the minimum contents of the certificate of authorisation in respect of the in-house inspection service. The group also reconsidered and confirmed the definition of manufacturer in this section.

7. In a short review of the related sections in Chapter 6.8, the [square brackets] around the text in the first paragraph on the entry into service verification in 6.8.1.5.5 were retained

pending later discussion, and the first three sentences and the last paragraph of the provisions on welding and inspection of welds in 6.8.2.1.23 were simplified.

8. In respect of consequential amendments foreseen for Chapter 6.2, the group agreed proposals for the equivalent procedures for conformity assessment and periodic inspection and test of UN pressure receptacles in 6.2.2.11, and for the approval of non-UN pressure receptacles in 6.2.3.6, which took into account the proposals agreed for 1.8.6. In 6.2.2.11 proposals for the mark of the in-house inspection service to accompany the mark of the inspection body were placed in [square brackets] pending further discussion. In the proposals, the reference to the manufacturer's mark was included in 6.2.3.9.3.

Action requested of the Joint Meeting

9. The Joint Meeting is invited to exchange any further views on the proposals for 1.8.6, 1.8.7 and the related sections in Chapter 6.8 combined in a following informal document, and on the proposals for the related sections in Chapter 6.2 in a separate further informal document, and is requested to give its consent to finalise the work as outlined below.

Proposed further work for the informal working group on tank inspection and certification.

10. Subject to the exchange of further views, and the agreement of the Joint Meeting, the informal working group will meet again on 11th-13th December 2019, in London, when it will, *inter alia*:

- (a) Finalise the proposals in light of views expressed at the autumn 2019 session of the Joint Meeting;
- (b) Agree official working papers for the spring 2020 session of the Joint Meeting comprising a consolidated set of amendments for the 2021 Editions of RID/ADR; and
- (c) Report on any technical work being undertaken by members of this group, aimed at improving the construction and inspection requirements for tanks.
