REQUEST FOR A VERIFICATION REGARDING 9.7.5.2

Information Paper from the Government of Sweden

Summary
The aim is to verify that demountable tanks are intentionally excluded from the requirements of 9.7.5.2 concerning lateral stability.

Background
When discussing how to apply the new provisions regarding lateral stability in 9.7.5.2 it has been questioned whether these provisions intentionally exclude demountable tanks. Reading 9.7.1.2 demountable tanks should in general comply with the requirements for tank-vehicles once they have been attached to the carrier vehicles.

However, the first sentence of 9.7.5.2 states that the requirements concerning lateral stability shall be applicable on tank-vehicles with fixed tanks only. The Government of Sweden requests the WP.15 to verify that demountable tanks are excluded from the requirements of 9.7.5.2.

Question
Are demountable tanks excluded from the requirements of 9.7.5.2 regarding lateral stability according to ECE Regulation No. 111?

Proposal
If demountable tanks are excluded, the last sentence of 9.7.5.2 should be amended as follows:

“The requirements are applicable to tank-vehicles with fixed tanks which are first registered as from 1 July 2003.”