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Chapter 3.2 Subclause 3.2.1

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Summary:

The applicability of dedicated tanks with a (+)-marking after the tank code, has been changed in the 2003 version of ADR and RID. The explanatory note in 3.2.1 however, has not been amended accordingly.

Action to be taken:

Amend the applicable sentence in 3.2.1.

Reference documents:

None

Introduction:

The original provision in 4.3.4.1.3 concerning dedicated tanks with a (+)-mark after the tank code stipulated that these tanks "the alternative use of the tanks for other substances is not permitted". This was considered to be too strict. For the 2003 version of ADR and RID an amended text was adopted: "In this case the alternate use of the tanks for other substances is permitted only where this is specified in the certificate of type approval." The corresponding explanatory text in 3.2.1 however still excludes any alternative use.

Proposal:

Amend the fifth paragraph of the explanatory text of column (12) accordingly: "The indication of a (+) after the tank code means that the alternative use of the tanks is permitted only where this is specified in the certificate of type approval. [The hierarchy of 4.3.4.1.3 is not applicable.]

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Safety: the proposed measure will not affect safety.

Feasibility: no problems.

Enforceability: no problems.

Economical aspects: none or positive.
