

REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HOT AIR BALLON CYLINDERS

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Participants in the working group represented the governments of Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden and the UK and the hot air balloon industry of Germany and the UK.

The working group considered paper TRANS/WP.15/AC.A/2003/11 and INFs 14 and 51.

The working group agreed this was primarily a land transport issue and would initially only seeking an amendment to ADR.

A basis for a draft proposal was agreed and the group would continue its work by email over the next week and would submit a formal proposal to the UN Secretariat in time for the January 2004 WP.15 meeting.

The proposal would be based on the inclusion of a new Special Provision in Chapter 3.3 and a footnote in Packing Instruction P200 for UN Nos 1011, 1965 and 1978.

The special provision would apply to pressure receptacles put into service before 1 July 2004 and will set out the derogations from specific requirements from ADR and any additional provisions that must be met.

It is intended that the pressure receptacles may continue in service until the end of their normal life, but not longer than 25 years.
