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of Dangerous Goods

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**Transitional measure for vehicles approved  
according to Multilateral Agreement M 145**

Transmitted by the Government of France

<b>Summary:</b>	Approval of vehicles after the validity of M 145 has expired.
<b>Action to be taken:</b>	Introduce a transitional measure for vehicles approved according to M 145
<b>Reference documents:</b>	INF 14 WP.15 Mai 2003 / Multilateral Agreement M 145.

The introduction of 9.7.5.2 in the ADR 2003 and the mandatory implementation date of 1 July 2003 to comply with the technical requirements of ECE Regulation No. 111 for lateral stability, proved to be problematic for the industry and approval authorities despite a long lead time.

In May 2003, Italy forwarded INF 14, in which a postponement was asked for the date of entry with 12 months (up till 1 July 2004).

Despite some support the request for the 12 months postponement was not carried by WP.15.

To solve the problems concerning the capacity problem for testing and validation of the data used for calculation, Italy initiated M 145, which was signed eventually by 10 countries.

Most of the vehicles registered since 1 July 2003 is approved based on M 145. Unfortunately M 145 does not stipulate under which condition vehicles approved under this agreement can continued to be used for carriage after this date. A transitional measure seems to be the best way to proceed.

**Proposal**

Introduce a new transitional measure 1.6.5.x:

“Tank-vehicles with fixed tanks with a capacity of more than 3m<sup>3</sup> intended for the carriage of dangerous goods in the liquid or molten state tested with a pressure of less

than 4 bar, which do not comply with the requirements of 9.7.5.2, first registered before [1 July 2004] may still be used.”

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