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NEW PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

Transitional measure 1.6.4.12

Transmitted by the Government of Belgium*

Summary: Amend transitional measure 1.6.4.12 so that there will be no tank-containers which are marked neither with the name of the product carried nor with the codes required by 6.8.2.5.2.

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Introduction

Section 6.8.2.5.2 was amended in RID/ADR 2005, in particular for tank-containers, the proper shipping name (except for substance of 4.3.4.1.3) being replaced by a reference to special provisions TC, TE and TA.

The transitional measure of 1.6.4.12 was worded in such a way that it could be thought that between 2005 and 2008 tanks marked neither with the name of the product nor the tank code and the TE, TC, TA were permitted; in our opinion, this is regrettable. The transitional measures should have been worded in such a way as to require the marking of the name of the product carried, or the tank code and the special provisions TE, TA and TC.

Proposal

Add to transitional measure 1.6.4.12 as follows:

1.6.4.12 Tank-containers and MECGs constructed before 1 January 2003 in accordance with the requirements applicable up to 30 June 2001, but which do not, however, conform to the requirements applicable as from 1 July 2001, may still be used. Assignment to the tank codes in the design type approvals and the relevant markings shall be carried out prior to 1 January 2008. The marking of the alphanumerical codes of special provisions TC, TE and TA in accordance with 6.8.4 shall be carried out when the tank codes are assigned or at one of the tests in accordance with 6.8.2.4 subsequent to the assignment, but by 31 December 2008 at the latest. **Until the relevant marking has been carried out, the proper shipping name of the substance carried** shall be indicated on the tank-container itself or on a panel.**

Justification

In our opinion, the aim of the transitional measure is that the tank should be marked either with the name of the product carried or with the tank code and special provisions TE, TA and TC.

The effect of the existing wording is to permit tanks marked neither with the name of the product nor the tank code and the TE, TC and TA.

Feasibility

A similar modification has already been adopted by the RID Committee of Experts for the transitional measure of section 1.6.3.18 of RID concerning the marking of tank wagons.

** The proper shipping name may be replaced by a generic name grouping substances of a similar nature and also compatible with the characteristics of the tank.