1. Background and Discussion

Within the United Kingdom industry there has arisen some confusion over how to determine the capacity of tank shells or shell compartments referred to in 6.8.2.1.21 and 6.8.2.5. The United Kingdom competent authority is of the opinion that the capacity of a tank shell or
shell compartment is the gross capacity of the inner volume of the tank and its fittings, not the net capacity of the product to be carried within the tank. To avoid confusion in how to define this capacity, it is proposed to add a new definition to chapter 1.2, stating that tank shell or shell compartment capacity is the gross capacity of the tank and its fittings.

2. **Proposal**

Add a new definition under 1.2 for tank capacity to read:

“For tanks, 'capacity of shell or shell compartment' means the maximum inner volume of the tank or tank compartment expressed in litres or cubic metres.”

3. **Justification**

It will clarify the current confusion over the calculation of tank capacity, ensuring a harmonized approach by all Contracting Parties.

4. **Safety implications**

Increased safety through harmonization and clarification.

5. **Feasibility**

No problems are foreseen.

6. **Enforceability**

No problems are foreseen.