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NEW PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

Tanks

Marking of the most recent periodic test. Identification of the type of test.

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Introduction

Section 6.8.2.5.1 of ADR 2005 requires the marking of the date of the most recent periodic test, whatever the type of test (hydraulic pressure or leakproofness). Previously, only the date of the most recent hydraulic pressure test was required to be marked on the tank.

This means that, on the sole basis of the markings on the tank, it is no longer possible to ascertain whether the date indicated corresponds to a hydraulic pressure test or a leakproofness test. We propose that specific marking should be used according to the test that has been performed.

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This distinction could be made by adding an “A” when a leakproofness test has been performed and an “H” when a hydraulic pressure test or the initial test has been performed. This letter could be inserted between the month and the year.

Example:

- 03 A 04 when a leakproofness test was performed in March 2004;
- 03 H 04 when a hydraulic pressure test or the initial test was performed in March 2004.

Proposal

Replace the eighth indent of 6.8.2.5.1 by:

- Date and type of the most recent test: “month, H, year” when the test is the initial test or a hydraulic pressure test in accordance with 6.8.2.4.1 and 6.8.2.4.2, or “month, A, year” when the test is a leakproofness test in accordance with 6.8.2.4.3.

Add a second subparagraph to the transitional measure of 1.6.3.25 and 1.6.4.15:

“The type of test (H or A) need not be added to the tank plate prescribed in 6.8.2.5.1 before the first test performed after 1 January 2007.”

Justification

Without this distinction, and solely on the basis of the marking, the expert cannot ascertain the type of test to perform.
