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**PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN**

**Negative tests**

**Transmitted by the Government of Belgium**

**Summary**

Add text to 6.8.2.4.5 and 6.8.3.4.16 to specify that when the result of a test or an inspection is negative, it is mandatory for this test or inspection to be performed again under the control of the same body.

**Introduction**

National provisions in Belgium require that when the result of a test or inspection is negative, the same body must perform the test or inspection again.

For the monitoring of tank wagons, international mutual recognition among experts approved in accordance with 6.8.2.4.6 of RID exists since 1 January 2005.

With the application of the Transportable Pressure Equipment Directive (TPED) to gas tanks as from 1 July 2005, the mutual recognition of the bodies notified also applies to inspections of fixed and demountable tanks (tank vehicles) and tank containers of Class 2.

For this reason this requirement can no longer figure in national legislation but must be included in RID/ADR.

### **Proposals**

Add to 6.8.2.4.5 as follows:

- 6.8.2.4.5** The tests, inspections and checks in accordance with 6.8.2.4.1 to 6.8.2.4.4 shall be carried out by the expert approved by the competent authority. Certificates shall be issued showing the results of these operations. These certificates shall refer to the list of the substances permitted for carriage in this tank or to the tank code in accordance with 6.8.2.3. **If the results of the tests, inspections or checks carried out on a tank by an approved expert are negative, these tests, inspections and checks, when carried out again, must be under the control of the same body.**

Add to 6.8.3.4.16 as follows:

- 6.8.3.4.16** The tests, inspections and checks in accordance with 6.8.3.4.10 to 6.8.3.4.15 shall be carried out by the expert approved by the competent authority. Certificates shall be issued showing the results of these operations. These certificates shall refer to the list of the substances permitted for carriage in this battery wagon/battery-vehicle or MEGC in accordance with 6.8.2.3.1. **If the results of the tests, inspections or checks carried out on components of battery wagons/battery-vehicles or MEGCs by an approved expert are negative, these tests, inspections and checks, when carried out again, must be under the control of the same body.**

### **Justification**

When a tank is rejected during an inspection on account of a technical defect, the expert who identified the defect should be able to ascertain that adequate repairs have been made.

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