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ITEM 1 (concerning UN-cylinders)

Repetition of current text:

*Competent authority*

6.2.2.5.2.1 The competent authority that approves the pressure receptacle shall approve the conformity assessment system for the purpose of ensuring that pressure receptacles conform to the requirements of these Regulations. In instances where the competent authority that approves a pressure receptacle is not the competent authority in the country of manufacture, the marks of the approval country and the country of manufacture shall be indicated in the pressure receptacle marking (see 6.2.2.7 and 6.2.2.8).

The competent authority of the country of approval shall supply, upon request, evidence demonstrating compliance to this conformity assessment system to its counterpart in a country of use.

6.2.2.5.2.2 The competent authority may delegate its functions in this conformity assessment system in whole or in part.

6.2.2.5.2.3 The competent authority shall ensure that a current list of approved inspection bodies and their identity

6.2.2.7.1:

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- (c) The character(s) identifying the country of approval as indicated by the distinguishing signs of motor vehicles in international traffic;
- (d) The identity mark or stamp of the inspection body that is registered with the competent authority of the country authorizing the marking;

Based on this there is no alternative to the following interpretation of 6.2.2.7.1. (c) and (d) and a necessity of following explanation:

Proposal 1:

Add to 6.2.2.7.1. (c):

*NOTE: The country of approval in 6.2.2 shall be understood to be the country that has approved the design type and the conformity assessment system of the manufacturer. In the case of delegating the surveillance of the manufacturer's conformity assessment system to an inspection body, the country of approval is the country which has authorised this inspection body. This country is evident the country authorising the UN-mark. For UN-cylinders the inspection body performing design type tests and the surveillance of the manufacturer shall be the same (see 6.2.2.5.2).*

ITEM 2 (concerning non UN-cylinders)

The inspection body which has performed the design type tests (design type approval) is most familiar with the technical properties of the design type. Thus the focus has to be set on the country authorising the design type approval.

Proposal 2:

Add to Note 3 in 6.2.3.5.1:

6.2.3.5.1 Periodic inspection and test shall be in accordance with 6.2.1.5.1

*NOTE 3: With the agreement of the testing and certifying body approved by the competent authority of the country of approval<sup>2</sup> the design type, the hydraulic pressure test of each welded steel cylinder intended for the carriage of gases of UN No. 1965, hydrocarbon gas mixture liquefied, n.o.s., with a capacity below 6,5 l may be replaced by another test ensuring an equivalent level of safety.*

ITEM 3 (concerning non UN-cylinders)

*Decision of yesterday:*

6.2.3.9.6 ~~With the agreement of the competent authority,~~ the date of the most recent periodic inspection and the stamp of the expert inspection body may be engraved on a ring of an appropriate material affixed to the cylinder when the valve is installed and which is removable only by disconnecting the valve from the cylinder.

The necessity of using a ring is linked to specific technical aspects of cylinders being not able to be stamped. So the deleted words should be substituted as follows:

Proposal 3:

Add to Note 3 in 6.2.3.9.6.:

If a stamp marking of cylinders is not possible due to technical reasons the date of the most recent periodic inspection and the stamp of the expert inspection body may be engraved on a ring of an appropriate material affixed to the cylinder when the valve is installed and which is removable only by disconnecting the valve from the cylinder. Technical reasons are especially a not acceptable stress concentrations by stamps, cylinder surface made of composite materials or a very small size of cylinders.

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