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STANDARDS

Information on work in progress in CEN

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As agreed at the September 2005 session, the CEN consultant will advise the Joint Meeting of work in progress in CEN which will result in standards intended to be referenced in the RID/ADR/ADN.

1. CEN/TC 296 has made significant progress in reviewing and revising standards on the transport of dangerous goods in tanks to align them to the state of the art. This is particularly valid for the standards – EN 13094:2004 Tanks for the transport of dangerous goods – Metallic tanks with a working pressure not exceeding 0.5 bar – Design and construction
   and
   – 14025:2003 Tanks for the transport of dangerous goods – Metallic pressure tanks - Design and construction,
both referenced in ADR/RID 6.8.2.6.
At its meeting in Paris on 2007-08-29, CEN/TC 296 agreed to launch a 3 month united acceptance procedure (UAP) for the revision of these two standards, starting on 2007-09-30 with the effect, that the final text would be published in May 2008, the latest. A positive vote is expected as all interested members participated in the related working groups.

2. Similarly, CEN/TC 286 has completed the revision of
   – EN 14334:2005 Inspection and testing of LPG road tankers, which is not yet referenced in ADR.
   In this case the TC has prepared an amendment (EN 14334:2005 prA1) to take account of the comments of the Standards Working Group to the Joint Meeting from September 2004.
   EN 14334:2005 had been made available to the Joint Meeting in dispatch 2 of the autumn 2004 session.

Knowing that the target date for amendments to the 2009 version of ADR/RID already terminates with the current Joint Meeting, CEN kindly asks the Joint Meeting to adopt provisionally
   – the revised version of standards EN 13094 and 14025 and
   – EN 14334:2005+A1,
under the condition that the final text will be available prior to the May 2008 session of WP 15 and based upon a positive judgement of the Tank Working Group.
The latest versions of the standards mentioned above have been made available to the delegates, as usual, on the dedicated CEN Lifelink website.

3. With respect to CEN’s work programme the Joint Meeting may be interested to learn that new work items related to the transport of dangerous goods have officially been added to the programme since the last
session in March 2007. Six of them are Amendments to standards, referred to in ADR/RID, running under the UAP and which are already terminated or close to.
More relevant to know is that the revision of the standard series EN 12561, Parts 1 - 8 on tank wagons has been started.

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In 2001 this standard series was considered to be supporting documents and are not referenced in the RID. Compared with the treatment of comparable standards on portable tanks and fixed tanks in ADR, some parts of this standard series may be seen with different eyes, in future.