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TANKS*

Interpretation of 6.8.2.2.3

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1. The second paragraph of 6.8.2.2.3 stipulates that:

“Vacuum valves used on tanks intended for the carriage of substances meeting the flash-point criteria of Class 3, shall prevent the immediate passage of flame into the tank, **or the shell of the tank shall be capable of withstanding, without leakage, an explosion resulting from the passage of the flame.**”

2. The criterion of resistance to explosion could result in construction requirements that differ widely from one Contracting Party to another. Belgium would therefore like the working group on tanks to determine the methods by which resistance to explosion must be demonstrated.

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