Executive summary: The purpose of this proposal is to make provision for an entry on the certificate of approval of tank-vehicles whose shells or compartments are divided by surge-plates into sections of not more than 7,500 litres capacity, to facilitate the work of the filler.

Action to be taken: Amend 9.1.3.3.


* The present document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 1 (c) of the terms of reference of the Working Party, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1, which provides a mandate to “develop and update the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)”.

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Introduction

1. Section 4.3.2.2.4 stipulates that, “Where shells intended for the carriage of liquids are not divided by partitions or surge-plates into sections of not more than 7,500 litres capacity, they shall be filled to not less than 80% or not more than 20% of their capacity.”

2. At its session in September 2007, the Joint Meeting adopted an amendment proposed by Belgium (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/29) concerning the marking of tanks divided into sections of not more than 7,500 litres capacity, to resolve the difficulties encountered by fillers.

3. While the marking called for under 6.8.2.5.1 meets those needs, we consider that, for tank-vehicles, an entry in the certificate of approval offers a more appropriate means of facilitating the work of the filler. We therefore propose the following amendment to 9.1.3.3.

Proposal

4. At the end of 9.1.3.3, add the following text:

“The certificate of approval for a tank-vehicle whose shell or compartments are divided into sections of not more than 7,500 litres capacity by means of surge-plates shall bear the following entry under No. 11: ‘The shell or compartments are divided into sections of not more than 7,500 litres capacity’.”

Justification

Safety: Improves safety.

Feasibility: No problem.

Enforcement: This amendment makes it possible to resolve problems encountered by the filler.