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

**Comments on ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2008/19**

**Cylinders for breathing appliances**

**Transmitted by the Government of Sweden**

**SUMMARY**

**Executive summary:** This proposal seeks to adjust the text in the proposal from France on special provision 655, on cylinders for breathing apparatus.

**Action to be taken:** Amend special provision 655 adopted for RID/ADR 2011.

**Related documents:** ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2008/19 (France)  
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/45 (Sweden)  
INF.36 (Sweden) (March 2008)  
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/110, para. 49 and annex II.

**Introduction**

1. During the Joint Meeting held in March 2008, Sweden proposed an amendment relating to the carriage of cylinders for breathing apparatus conforming to the requirements of PED directive (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/45).

It was decided to add the following new special provision 655:

“655 Cylinders and their closures designed, constructed and approved in accordance with Directive 97/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 May 1997 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning pressure equipment (PED) and used for breathing apparatus may be carried without additional approval in accordance with Chapter 6.2, provided they are periodically inspected in accordance with the applicable requirements of packing instruction P200 in 4.1.4.1.

All other applicable provisions of RID/ADR/ADN shall apply.”.

2. Sweden shares the view of France that there can be problems with applicability of the adopted text but believes that the text in the proposal from France can be improved. It is important to use the wording “breathing apparatus” as this is used by the PED.

### Proposal

3. Sweden proposes therefore the following amendments to the French proposal to the text of special provision 655 as follows (text added is bold and underlined):

“655 Cylinders and their closures designed, constructed and approved in accordance with Directive 97/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 May 1997 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning pressure equipment (PED) and used ~~for~~ **as** breathing **apparatus** ~~appliances~~ may be carried without **conforming to** Chapter 6.2, provided **that at the very least they are subject to the inspections and tests specified set out in 6.2.1.6.1 and the test frequency specified in accordance with the periodicities defined in packing instruction P200 of 4.1.4.1 is not exceeded.**

All other applicable provisions of RID/ADR/ADN shall apply, **with the exception of those of 1.8.7, of packing instruction P200 of 4.1.4.1, and of 5.2.1.6.”.**

4. The proposal from Sweden will be as follows:

“655 Cylinders and their closures designed, constructed and approved in accordance with Directive 97/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 May 1997 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning pressure equipment (PED) and used as breathing apparatus may be carried without conforming to Chapter 6.2, provided that they are subject to inspections and tests specified in 6.2.1.6.1 and the test frequency specified in packing instruction P200 of 4.1.4.1 is not exceeded.

All other applicable provisions of RID/ADR/ADN shall apply, with the exception of those of 1.8.7, of packing instruction P200 of 4.1.4.1 and of 5.2.1.6.”.

### Justification

Safety: Improves safety.

Feasibility: No problem.

Enforcement: This amendment resolves problems with applicability noticed by France.

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