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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS ANNEXED TO ADN**

Miscellaneous proposals for amendments

Chapter 7.2

Gas-freeing

Transmitted by the Government of Germany***

SUMMARY

Executive Summary:	The different wording of 7.2.3.7.1 and 7.2.4.15.3 may lead to mis-interpretation and consequently mis-understanding.
Action to be taken:	Amend the text of 7.2.3.7.1 in order to clarify the provisions and to avoid mis-interpretation.

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Introduction

1. In 7.2.3.7.1 and 7.2.4.15.3 of the Regulations annexed to ADN, the provisions for comparable situations are worded differently. This may lead to mis-interpretation and mis-understanding.
2. The current texts are as follows:

7.2.3.7.1

Empty or unloaded cargo tanks having previously contained dangerous substances of Class 2, Class 3, with classification code “T” in column (3b) of Table C of Chapter 3.2, Class 6.1 or packing group I of Class 8, may only be gas-freed at the locations designated or approved for such purpose by the competent authority. Gas-freeing may be carried out only by competent persons or companies approved for that purpose.

7.2.4.15.3

After additional stripping, cargo tanks and pipes for loading and unloading shall, if necessary, be cleaned and gas-freed by persons or companies approved for this purpose by the competent authority in places approved for this purpose.

Proposal

3. Align the text on the basis of 7.2.4.15.3 and amend 7.2.3.7.1 to read: “Empty or unloaded cargo tanks having previously contained dangerous substances of Class 2, Class 3, with classification code “T” in column (3b) of Table C of Chapter 3.2, Class 6.1 or packing group I of Class 8, may only be gas-freed by persons or companies approved for this purpose by the competent authority in places approved for this purpose.”

For information only: It is suggested to amend the ADNR accordingly, and - at this occasion - adjust the German text.

Justification

4. The purpose of this proposal is to prevent problems concerning the application. There will be no negative effects on safety and feasibility.
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