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FUTURE WORK

Proposal to amend RID/ADR/ADN to include provisions for the retention of document, additional inspection requirements and conformity assessment procedures for gas cartridges

Transmitted by the Government of Germany ^{1,2}

Summary

<i>Explanatory Summary</i>	Offer to host an Informal intersessional Working Group Meeting.
<i>Decision to be taken:</i>	Set up the group.
<i>Related documents:</i>	OTIF/RID/RC/2009/8 or ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2009/8 (presented by the European Commission)

Introduction

In document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2009/8, the European Commission, based on a decision of its Committee on Transport of Dangerous Goods, proposes to add provisions to RID/ADR/ADN concerning in particular the retention period for documents, conformity assessment procedures for gas cartridges and operational obligations for inspection bodies.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2006-2010 (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1, programme activity 02.7 (c)).

² Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/Inf.6.

To work out a concrete text to amend RID/ADR/ADN, the European Commission proposes to establish an informal intersessional Working Group and to convene a Meeting. It is offering to submit a first draft text for discussion.

Background

In 2009 provisions for conformity assessment procedures, type approvals, initial, periodic and exceptional checks of transportable pressure equipment (TPE) as well as the qualification and appointment of inspection bodies were introduced or amended within chapters 1.8 and 6.2. In parallel, the provisions of chapter 6.2 were revised.

Note: The term TPE of directive 1999/36/EC addresses pressure receptacles and tanks for gases in terms of RID/ADR/ADN.

For the European Commission and the Contracting Parties/Member States of RID/ADR/AND, which are also Member States of the European Union, this was initiated, promoted and agreed for harmonisation purposes as well as to reduce additional provisions in the Directive 1999/36/EC on transportable pressure equipment (also called TPED).

In the process of amending TPED to the new provisions of RID/ADR/ADN 2009, the informal group established by the European Commission found out, that there are some additional provisions either in the existing TPED text or coming from the new regulation on the EU internal market, that would better fit in RID/ADR/ADN to avoid new disharmonies and to ensure a high level of safety and protection throughout the whole area to which RID/ADR/ADN apply.

Proposal

The Government of Germany supports the proposal of the European Commission and – as it has already indicated in the meeting of the EU TDG Committee on 15.12.2008 – offers to organise and host the meeting of the informal intersessional Working Group in Bonn, Germany.

It is proposed to set up the group, clarify its composition and terms of reference and the dates of the meeting offered to be held in Bonn.

Terms of reference proposed for discussion:

Based on a proposal from the European Commission, the Working Group shall

- check the provisions suitable for inclusion in RID/ADR/ADN;
- find out the most appropriate place(s) for inclusion, e.g. in chapters 1.8, 4.1 or 6.2;
- draft the provisions to amend RID/ADR/ADN for application from 01.01.2011;
- present the proposal to the Joint Meeting in September 2009 for adoption.
