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#### Tanks

### Heavy fuel oil – transitional provision for tanks

#### Transmitted by the expert of Belgium

#### Introduction

1. At the March 2011 session EUROPIA presented INF.12 regarding the classification of heavy fuel oil as environmentally hazardous substance. Since then, multilateral agreements M 235 and RID 5-2011 were put in place to exempt tank transport of heavy fuel oil from the provisions of 4.3, 6.8 and 7.4 (ADR only) since the substance was commonly regarded as not subject to the regulations prior to its classification as EHS. The intention was to have a more permanent solution by the entry into force of the 2013 version of the regulations, which is not the case.
2. In the second half of 2011, national inquiries showed that although a majority of the transport in tanks of heavy fuel oil is carried out with tanks conforming to the regulations and which are also used for transport of other dangerous goods, there exist dedicated tanks not built according to ADR/RID chapter 6.8. For these tanks, even after 1/1/2013, which is the end date of the multilateral agreements, conformity with the regulations is impossible, at least not on a short term.
3. For this reason, a transitional measure is proposed for tanks used for transport of heavy fuel oil, which was previously regarded as a non ADR/RID regulated substance, to be included in the ADR/RID 2015 version. It is left to the Joint-Meeting to decide upon an appropriate transitional period.

#### Proposal

4. Add a new 1.6.3.x:  
  
1.6.3.x Fixed tanks (tank-vehicles), tank wagons and demountable tanks constructed before 1 January 2015 and used exclusively for the carriage of heavy or residual fuel oil classified under UN 3082 or UN 3077 which do not conform to the requirements of chapter 4.3 and chapter 6.8, may continue to be used [until 31 December 20[xx]].
5. Additionally, an extension of M 235 and RID 5-2011 must be considered till 2015.