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**Miscellaneous proposals for amendments to the Model Regulations
on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: portable tanks**

Comments on ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2013/6, alternative proposal

Transmitted by the expert from Spain

Proposal

6.7.2.19.8 The internal and external examinations shall ensure that:

(a) The shell is inspected for pitting, corrosion, or abrasions, dents, distortions, defects in welds or any other conditions, including leakage, that might render the portable tank unsafe for transport. The wall thickness shall be verified against that given by the type approval documents by appropriate measurement if this inspection shows indication of reduction of wall thickness.

Add the same amendment to 6.7.3.15.8 (a) for gas tanks

Text in standard EN12972

The underlined text has been adapted to be included in the model rule

5.5 Inspection of the tank exterior

5.5.1 Inspection of the condition of the tank

A complete visual inspection shall be performed to identify any surface defect and indication of a leak such as dampness, softened paint or staining/unusual cleanliness. Any surface defects shall be evaluated by the expert, and if considered necessary paint shall be removed.

The wall thickness shall be verified against that given by the type approval documents by appropriate measurement if the tank shows indication of reduction of wall thickness.

The inspection of the condition of the tank for the initial inspection shall be carried out before the attachment of any insulation, painting, protective lining or coating. For subsequent inspections sheathing, thermal or other insulation shall be removed only to the extent required to achieve a reliable appraisal of the condition of the tank.