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Outcome of the spring 2015 session of the Joint Meeting

Note by the secretariat

The Joint Meeting at its spring 2015 session adopted draft corrections and amendments to RID and ADR and suggested that they be adopted as soon as possible by the Working Party. In order to inform the Working Party of the outcome of those discussions, relevant paragraphs from the draft report of the Joint Meeting and from the report of the Working Group on Tanks are reproduced below. The numbering of the paragraphs in these documents is kept. The final report of the Joint Meeting will be published as document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/138.

Application of special provision 664 - Item 12 of the Working Group on Tanks

(See informal documents INF.42 and INF.50 of the Joint Meeting)

INF.42 (Belgium) – ADR 2015 – Application of special provision 664: Interpretation/specification with regard to ADR 6.8.2.1.23

27. The Working Group endorsed the proposal made by Belgium to allow for alternative testing methods instead of the NDT methods in 6.8.2.1.23 (ultrasound and radiography). The large variety in design of additive devices renders some NDT methods inappropriate for the evaluation of the quality of the welds and in many instances a visual examination (in line with the testing requirements under SP 664 d)) is performed. Additionally, it is only the first paragraph of 6.8.2.1.23 (qualification of welders and evaluation of the welding quality) that was envisaged in the reference to 6.8.2.1.23.

28. The Group agreed on a modified text to clarify this issue, which should be brought to the attention of the next WP.15 meeting. It should be evaluated if this clarification can be seen as an interpretation in the interim period until ADR 2017 or if a multilateral agreement is needed.

Proposal for WP.15

Modify the last sentence of SP 664 a) ii) as follows:

“Welding shall be carried out in accordance with the first paragraph of 6.8.2.1.23, except that other suitable methods may be applied to confirm the quality of the welding

Reference to Standard EN 12493 + A1:2014 in ADR

Proposals of the Standards Working Group

(See informal document INF.48 of the Joint Meeting)

Informal document INF.27 requests the Standard WG to recommend an entry for ADR 2017, but it is also necessary to correct the current situation caused by the late publication of A1 of EN 12493.

In the following proposals, new text is shown in **Bold**.

Proposal 1

For ADR only in 6.8.2.6.1:

Reference	Title of document	Applicable sub-sections and paragraphs	Applicable for new type approvals or for renewals	Latest date for withdrawal of existing type approvals
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
EN 12493:2013 (except Annex C)	LPG equipment and accessories – Welded steel tanks for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) – Road tankers – Design and manufacture <i>Note: Road tanker is to be understood in the meaning of ‘fixed tanks’ and ‘demountable tanks’ as per ADR.</i>	6.8.2.1, 6.8.2.5, 6.8.3.1, 6.8.3.5, 6.8.5.1 to 6.8.5.3	1 January 2015 until 31 December 2017	31 December 2018
EN 12493:2013 + A1:2014 (except Annex C)	LPG equipment and accessories – Welded steel tanks for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) – Road tankers – Design and manufacture <i>Note: Road tanker is to be understood in the meaning of ‘fixed tanks’ and ‘demountable tanks’ as per ADR.</i>	6.8.2.1, 6.8.2.5, 6.8.3.1, 6.8.3.5, 6.8.5.1 to 6.8.5.3	Until further notice	

In 6.8.4 TT11, replace EN 12493:2013 with **EN 12493:2013 + A1:2014**

Proposal 2

The Standard WG requests the Joint Meeting to record in its report that the competent authorities should recognize that the use of EN 12493:2013 + A1:2014 (except Annex C) for the construction of LPG tanks for 2015 and 2016 in accordance with 6.8.2.7.

Conclusions of Joint Meeting

49. The Joint Meeting adopted proposal 1 of the working group and recommended that WP.15 accept an early application of standard EN 12493:2013 + A1:2014 (except Annex C), in particular because the unmodified standard was not even available on the market.

Corrections to the 2015 versions of RID/ADR/ADN

(See informal document: INF.14 of the Joint Meeting)

66. The Joint Meeting adopted the corrections proposed (see annex III). A member of the UNECE secretariat said that, although the contradiction between special provision 529 and the information provided in the alphabetical index concerning the classification of mercurous chloride (calomel) should be corrected indeed in RID, the situation was different for ADR and ADN because the index had no legal status. Therefore, for ADR and ADN, this correction would have to be considered as an amendment to special provision 529, and it would be up to WP.15 to consider how to deal with this situation, bearing in mind that the text of annexes A and B of ADR (and of the Regulations annexed to ADN) takes precedence over any information provided by the index.

Chapter 2.2

2.2.52.1.17 (ADR/ADN) In the Note, amend "Manual of Tests and Criteria, Part II, Chapter 20 and sub-section 28.4" to read "Manual of Tests and Criteria, Part II, Section 20 and test series E in Section 25".

(Reference document: informal document INF.14)

Chapter 3.3

SP 529 Amend the last sentence to read "Mercurous chloride (calomel) is a substance of Class 6.1 (UN No. 2025).".

(Reference document: informal document INF.14)

Chapter 6.2

6.2.2.4 In the Table, amend the heading of the last column, "applicable for manufacture", to read "applicable".

(Reference document: informal document INF.14)
