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Introduction

1. While analyzing the consolidated list of amendments adopted by the Joint Meeting and by the Working Party during the biennium – here in particular the new Special Provision 666 and referring to the document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/140/Add.1 containing the amendments adopted by the Joint Meeting at its September 2015 session and to the informal document INF.39 transmitted by France on behalf of the editorial working group – see Proposal 4 – some clarification concerning the word “cock“ have been noted.
2. In this INF. document we propose a clarification which may be treated as a correction to the new SP 666.
3. Replacing „fuel cock“ by „valve“ would be a consistent improvement of ADR text.
4. Deletions are formatted as strikethrough and new text as underlined and in bold letters.

Proposal

“666 Vehicles assigned to UN No. 3166 or UN No. 3171 and battery powered equipment assigned to UN 3171 in conformity with special provisions 240, 312 and 385, as well as any dangerous goods they contain that are necessary for their operation or the operation of their equipment, when carried as a load, are not subject to any other provisions of RID/ADR/ADN, provided the following conditions are met:

- (a) For liquid fuels, any ~~fuel~~**valves** between the engine or equipment and the fuel tank shall be closed during carriage unless it is essential for the equipment to remain operational. Where appropriate, the vehicles shall be loaded upright and secured against falling;
- (b) For gaseous fuels, the ~~fuel~~ **valve** between the gas tank and engine shall be closed and the electric contact open;
- (c) Metal hydride storage systems shall be approved by the competent authority of the country of manufacture., If the country of manufacture is not a contracting party to RID/ADR/ADN the approval shall be recognized by the

competent authority of an RID Contracting State/a contracting party to ADR/ADN;

- (d) The provisions of (a) and (b) do not apply to vehicles which are empty of liquid or gaseous fuels,

***NOTE 1:** A vehicle is considered to be empty of liquid fuel when the liquid fuel tank has been drained and the vehicle cannot be operated due to a lack of fuel. Vehicle components such as fuel lines, fuel filters and injectors do not need to be cleaned, drained or purged to be considered empty of liquid fuels. In addition, the liquid fuel tank does not need to be cleaned or purged.*

***NOTE 2:** A vehicle is considered to be empty of gaseous fuels when the gaseous fuel tanks are empty of liquid (for liquefied gases), the pressure in the tanks does not exceed 2 bar and the fuel shut-off or isolation valve is closed and secured.”.*

(Reference document: informal document INF.9 Consolidated list of amendments adopted by the Joint Meeting and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/40/Add.1 and informal document INF.39, Proposal 4)
