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Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN: new proposals

Amendment of SP 655 due to change of European Legislation

Transmitted by the Government of Switzerland

On the 15. May 2014 the Directive 2014/68/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of pressure equipment was issued. It will replace Directive 97/23/EC which is mentioned in RID/ADR SP 655. For this reason SP 655 should be amended as proposed in bold:

655 Cylinders and their closures designed, constructed, approved and marked in accordance with Directive 97/23/EC⁴ **or Directive 2014/68/EU⁵** and used for breathing apparatus may be carried without conforming to Chapter 6.2, provided that they are subject to inspections and tests specified in 6.2.1.6.1 and the interval between tests specified in packing instruction P200 in 4.1.4.1 is not exceeded. The pressure used for the hydraulic pressure test is the pressure marked on the cylinder in accordance with Directive 97/23/EC⁴.

⁴Directive 97/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 May 1997 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning pressure equipment (PED) (Official Journal of the European Communities No. L 181 of 9 July 1997, p. 1 - 55).

⁵Directive 2014/68/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of pressure equipment (Official Journal of the European Communities No. L 189 of 27 June 2014, p. 164 - 259)