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Reports of informal working groups

Carriage of pressure receptacles approved by the Department of Transportation of the United States of America (DOT)

Transmitted by the European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA)^{1, 2}

1. At the Joint Meeting in March 2016 the representative of EIGA submitted ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2016/8. The result of the discussions concerning ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2016/8 were reported in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/142.
2. Subsequent to the March meeting, the United Kingdom initiated a new Multilateral Agreement, and this multilateral agreement M299 has been signed by a number of contracting parties.
3. Work is progressing with the Compressed Gas Association in the United States in developing text for the submission of special permit for rulemaking to allow European pressure receptacles of a type to be defined to be permitted to be imported into the United States for transport (carriage) and discharge as well as filling for export. Since the last Joint Meeting there have been three conference calls as well as extensive work outside these meetings.
4. It is anticipated that the submission will be made in the third quarter of 2016 to the United States Department of Transportation.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2016-2017, (ECE/TRANS/2016/28/Add.1 (9.2)).

² Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2016/30.

5. The priority of EIGA is to ensure the submission for special permit for rulemaking is made as soon as possible. Once this has occurred, EIGA would wish to work with European Competent Authorities to modify the text of RID/ADR to incorporate the text of multilateral agreement M299.

6. EIGA would also wish to emphasise the points made in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2016/8 that there is no intention or wish to see “DOT cylinders” placed on the European market.
