



Economic Commission for Europe**Inland Transport Committee****Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods****Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the
Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**Geneva, 19-23 September 2016
Item 2 of the provisional agenda**Tanks****Request for clarification on the meaning of “in special cases” in
footnote 10 of 6.8.2.4.1 and 6.8.2.4.2****Transmitted by the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN)^{1, 2}**

1. Footnote 10 in RID/ADR 6.8.2.4.1 and 6.8.2.4.2 says that “*In special cases and with the agreement of the expert approved by the competent authority, the hydraulic pressure test may be replaced by a pressure test using another liquid or gas, where such an operation does not present any danger*”.
2. At the Joint Meeting in March 2016, the Working Group on Tanks considered document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2016/12 (United Kingdom) – Pressure test using gas, following a CEN/TC 296/WG 5 discussion on the revision of EN 12972:2015 where it appeared necessary to clarify the meaning of “in special cases”.
3. The United Kingdom proposed to remove the term “special cases” and align Chapter 6.8 provisions with Chapter 6.7.
4. The Working Group on Tanks “was of the view that no changes should be accepted and that in the meantime CEN/TC 296/WG 5 should set aside the issue of gas testing and special cases to conclude the next revision of EN 12972 in time for reference in RID/ADR 2019. It was suggested that a specific standard concerning gas testing should then be developed.”
5. CEN/TC 296/WG 5 has had its last meeting on 28 and 29 April, 2016. Following its discussion on the problem of pressure test with gas, WG 5 agreed to ask CEN/TC 296 for a written decision about the introduction of a new preliminary work item for a future standard on pressure test with gas.

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/2016/36.

6. CEN/TC 296/WG 5 is willing to describe how to test with gas but needs first to know what is legally meant by “special cases”, and therefore requests the Joint Meeting and the Working Group on Tanks to clarify this term.
