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Miscellaneous proposals for amendments to the**Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods:
portable tanks****Holding time – information in transport document****Transmitted by the expert from Belgium*****Introduction**

1. During the fifty-second session of the Sub-Committee, informal document INF.9 and the revision of this informal document INF.54 were discussed. Most experts supported informal document INF.54 and Belgium was invited to write a working document for this session (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/104, paragraph 82).

2. In these documents it was explained that Belgium had done a proposal at the September 2017 session of the Joint Meeting (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2017/36¹) which after discussion was referred to the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/148/Add.2, paragraphs 7 and 8).

3. According to 5.4.1.2.2 (d) in the 2017 version of RID/ADR/ADN, in the case of tank-wagons and tank-containers carrying refrigerated liquefied gases the consignor shall enter in the transport document the date at which the actual holding time ends, in the following format:

"END OF HOLDING TIME: (DD/MM/YYYY)".

4. To facilitate the work of personnel who dispatch goods and manage transport documents in intermodal terminals and railway stations, Belgium proposed extending the obligation to indicate the end of the holding time also for portable tanks carrying refrigerated liquefied gases in the transport document.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2017–2018 approved by the Committee at its eighth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/100, paragraph 98 and ST/SG/AC.10/44, para. 14).

¹ see: <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2017/dgwp15ac1/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-2017-36e.pdf>

5. As discussed during the fifty-second session, the proposal below aims to introduce two new paragraphs requiring the holding time for portable tanks also to be put in the transport document. As such this would harmonize the way in which portable tanks and tank-containers are treated.

Proposal

6. Add a new paragraph in 4.2.3.7 mentioning that the holding time shall be mentioned in the transport document and referring the user to chapter 5:

“4.2.3.7.3 The date at which the actual holding time ends shall be entered in the transport document (see 5.4.1.5.13).”

7. Add a new paragraph in section 5.4.1.5 on information required in addition to the dangerous goods description stating how the actual holding time should be mentioned in the transport document.

“5.4.1.5.13 Actual holding time

In the case of portable tanks carrying refrigerated liquefied gases the consigner shall enter in the transport document the date at which the actual holding time ends, in the following format:

“END OF HOLDING TIME: (DD/MM/YYYY)”.
