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Miscellaneous proposals for amendments to the Model

Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: portable tanks

Working group on fibre-reinforced plastics (FRP) portable tanks

Transmitted by the chairman of the working group

Introduction

1. The fibre reinforced plastics portable tank working group met on Wednesday, June 27th. Twenty representatives from ten members governments three industry groups and one intergovernmental agency were in attendance. The group verified the terms of reference for the group adequately covered the scope of the work to be completed, a work plan was discussed and generally agreed to including tentative timelines, comments received to date were discussed, and the need for and logistics for potential future meetings of the working group were discussed. Additionally, the group agreed to focus on the provisions for FRP tanks for classes 1 and 3-9 first and then consider Class 2 after this work has been completed.

2. Noting the expected timeline and the types of issues to be discussed between now and the next session of the TDG Sub-Committee, the working group was in favor of holding web/telephone conferences in conjunction with e-mail correspondence work and suggests having a two-day working group session running concurrently with the 54th TDG Sub-Committee session. Noting the limited availability of meeting space at the Palace of Nations the chairman of the working group requests the Secretariat inquire about the availability of meeting space for approximately 30 persons at their earliest convenience,
