Comments on 2019/9: changes of the loaded products in tank-vehicles

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Introduction

1. In response to questions (a) and (c) of Switzerland’s paper 2019/9, the United Kingdom would like to propose the following amendment for consideration by the Working Party.

2. We note that this proposed amendment is limited to changing load between dangerous and non-dangerous goods, for example gasoline followed by bio-diesel. Changing load between different types of dangerous goods, for example gasoline followed by diesel, would need to be dealt with by a separate amendment.

Proposal

3. Amend 5.3.1.6.1 to read as follows:

“Empty tank-vehicles, vehicles with demountable tanks, battery-vehicles, MEGCs, MEMUs, tank-containers and portable tanks uncleansed and not degassed, and empty vehicles and containers for carriage in bulk, uncleansed, shall continue to display the placards required for the previous load. If the subsequent load is not dangerous, the placards for the previous load shall continue to be displayed.”

4. Amend 5.3.2.1.8 to read as follows:

“Orange-coloured plates which do not relate to dangerous goods carried, or residues thereof, shall be removed or covered. If plates are covered, the covering shall be total and remain effective after 15 minutes’ engulfment in fire. Plates shall not be removed or covered where, according to 5.3.1.6.1, placards for the previous load shall continue to be displayed.”