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Transition for newly introduced standards

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1. At previous session of the Joint Meeting the following text was adopted.

6.2.5 and 6.8.2.7 After the first paragraph, insert the following new paragraph:

“As soon as a standard newly referenced in 6.2.2 or 6.2.4/6.8.2.6 can be applied, the competent authority shall withdraw its recognition of the relevant technical code. A transitional period ending no later than the date of entry into force of the next edition of RID/ADR may be applied.”

2. In the 2019 edition of RID/ADR the standard EN ISO 17879:2017 *Gas cylinders - Self-closing cylinder valves - Specification and type testing* was introduced. Its scope had not been covered before in any referenced standard and industry struggled to have type approvals issued before 1 July 2019.

3. With the text shown in paragraph 1 above it is clear that industry has up to two years to comply with the new standard.

4. Do delegates to the Joint Meeting think that this transition period should be made clear in the tables in 6.2.4.1 and 6.8.2.6.1?. For example, in column 4 of the table the phrase “Mandatorily from 1 January 2023” could be inserted against a new standard in the 2021 edition of the regulations.
