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Interpretation of the Regulations annexed to the ADN

Degassing of tank vessels at reception facilities

Submitted by the Government of Germany

1. The current text of para 9.3.x.26.3 ADN seems to be not in line with the intention of the former Informal Working Group Degassing drafting the amendment.

9.3.2.62 A permanently installed or portable spring-loaded low-pressure valve used during degassing operations to reception facilities, shall be fitted at the piping used to extract air.”

2. The report of the IWG Degassing ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2017/47 contains the following statement:

“10. Therefore the informal working group decided to prescribe during degassing to a reception facility, if an opening is used to bring in air in the system, a permanently installed of a portable spring loaded low-pressure valve at this opening, with a suitable flame-arrester if explosion protection is required.”.

3. While subsection 9.3.2.62 ADN addresses “the piping used **to extract** air” the report refers to “an opening [which] is used **to bring in air** in the system”.

4. Germany likes to ask the ADN Safety Committee to consider this contradiction and to decide about the necessary action.