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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

Applications of standards in 6.2.4

Transmitted by the European Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association (AEGPL)

SUMMARY

Executive summary: The new formulation referencing the standards in chapter 6.2. could eventually lead to a conflict between the general standards and the specific standards.

Action to be taken: Modify 6.2.4

Related documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/52.

Introduction

The Government of France proposes to modify in section 6.2.4:

«The requirements of 6.2.1 and 6.2.3 are considered to have been complied with if the following standards, as relevant, are applied »

By:

«The following standards shall be applied in order to satisfy to 6.2.1 and of 6.2.3 which prevail in all the cases ».

Comments

AEGPL wishes to draw the attention of the Member States to the fact that an eventual conflict could arise between standards using this new formula.

Indeed, the requirements in the standards are sometimes outside the scope of the regulations of RID/ADR/AND. As a consequence different standards can both comply with the RID/ADR/ADN and at the same time diverge on the non-regulated subjects in RID/ADR/ADN.

This situation arises in cases of general standards and more specific standards, voluntarily not included in the general standards for means of differences between the products, packings, markets...

In the case of general standards and specific standards, AEGPL wishes that both the standards continue to be referenced, or that the specific standards being applied to the specific products.

These cases should be mentioned in a note in the general standards, in view to exclude explicitly certain products partly or totally from the field of the general standards.

Proposal

AEGPL proposes this issue to be examined by the Joint Meeting.
