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**Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN:
new proposals**

Comment on document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/20: Supplementary information from the informal working group on the inspection and certification of tanks: Proposed amendments to Chapter 6.8 and to Sections 1.8.7 and 1.8.6

Transmitted by the Government of Belgium

Summary

- Executive summary:** As for the tank-wagons, the intermediate or periodic or exceptional inspections for the tank-containers may be performed by an inspection body recognized by the competent authority of the country where the inspection takes place or by an inspection body recognized by the competent authority of the country of registration.
- Action to be taken:** Modify the right column in 6.8.1.5.6
- Related documents:** ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/20 : Supplementary information from the informal working group on the inspection and certification of tanks: Proposed amendments to Chapter 6.8 and to Sections 1.8.7 and 1.8.6, informal documents INF.6/Rev.1 (see point 3) and INF.23.

Introduction

1. Belgium introduced the document INF.23 originally for the joint meeting scheduled in March 2020, which was cancelled. This document was however discussed during the informal working group on the inspection and certification of tanks on the 10th and 11th June (MS Teams meeting).

2. In informal document INF.23, Belgium proposed that the periodic, intermediate or exceptional inspections may be performed by an inspection body recognized by any competent authority of a RID Contracting State/a Contracting Party of ADR that is listed according to 1.8.6.2.5.2. Indeed, the proposed text in 6.8.1.5.6 of ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/20 foresees that the periodic, intermediate or exceptional inspection shall be performed by an inspection body recognized by the competent authority of the country where the inspection takes place. That means that the competences of these inspection bodies are recognized by all RID Contracting State/a Contracting Party of ADR, whatever the place of the inspection.

3. This proposal was not supported by the group.
4. Nevertheless, the group agreed that there was no reason to exclude the bodies of the country of registration.
5. So, Belgium proposes to extend the text for tank-wagons to tank-containers.

Proposals

6. Modify the text in 6.8.1.5.6 on the right-hand side as follows:

6.8.1.5.6 *Intermediate, periodic or exceptional inspection according to 1.8.7.6*

The intermediate or periodic or exceptional inspection shall be performed:

(ADR:) in the country of registration by an inspection body recognized by the competent authority of that country.

(RID:) by an inspection body recognized by the competent authority of the country where the inspection takes place or by an inspection body recognized by the competent authority of the country of registration.

by an inspection body recognized by the competent authority of the **RID Contracting State/Contracting Party to ADR** where the inspection takes place or, ~~if the country is not an RID Contracting State/a Contracting Party to ADR,~~ by an inspection body recognized by the competent authority of the country of registration.

The owner or operator of the tank, or its authorized representative, shall engage a single inspection body for each intermediate, periodic or exceptional inspection.

Justification

7. This proposal reflects the discussions of the members of the informal working group on the inspection and certification of tanks who met on 10th and 11th June (MS Teams meeting).
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