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**Tanks****Inspection of tanks whose deadlines for intermediate  
inspections have expired**

**Transmitted by the Government of France\*, \*\***

*Summary*

**Executive summary:** This proposal is aimed at defining the inspection to be carried out for tanks whose deadlines for intermediate inspections have expired.

**Action to be taken:** Amend RID/ADR 6.8.2.4.3.

**Introduction**

1. Section 6.8.2.4.2 sets out the intervals for periodic inspections of the tanks covered by Chapter 6.8.
2. Section 6.8.2.4.3 specifies that an intermediate inspection is to be performed between the initial inspection and the first periodic inspection, and thereafter between two periodic inspections, and it indicates that an intermediate inspection may be performed within three months before or after the specified date.
3. This raises the question of what kind of inspection is to be carried out when the period of three months after the date specified for the intermediate inspection has elapsed.

\* In accordance with the draft programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2018–2019, (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/237, annex V, (9.2)).

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4. In September 2019, the Joint Meeting adopted new paragraphs 6.7.2.19.6.2, 6.7.3.15.6.2 and 6.7.4.14.6.2 for portable tanks covered by Chapter 6.7. Section 6.7.2.19.6.2 reads as follows:

“6.7.2.19.6.2 Except as provided for in 6.7.2.19.6.1, portable tanks which have missed the time frame for their scheduled 5 year or 2.5-year periodic inspection and test may only be filled and offered for carriage if a new 5-year periodic inspection and test is performed according to 6.7.2.19.4.”

Sections 6.7.3.15.6.2 and 6.7.4.14.6.2 are worded in a similar fashion.

5. These texts, adopted by WP. 15 and the RID Committee of Experts in November 2019, provide some clarification, in particular by specifying that portable tanks which have not met the 2.5-year deadline for periodic inspection may not be filled and offered for carriage unless a new 5-year periodic inspection is performed.

6. In order to clarify the situation of tanks covered by Chapter 6.8, a similar provision can be introduced there. We thus propose specifying, in 6.8.2.4.3, that when the deadline for an intermediate inspection has not been met, a periodic inspection must be carried out.

## **Proposal**

7. 6.8.2.4.3 After the phrase, “These intermediate inspections may be performed within three months before or after the specified date”, add the following sentence:

“Once this period has elapsed, a periodic inspection according to 6.8.2.4.2 shall be carried out.”

## **Justification**

8. This change clarifies the situation, in particular for inspection bodies and users.

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