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RID/ADR 6.2.3.1.5 – Pressure relief devices for non-UN acetylene cylinders – addition to document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/20 (OTIF/RID/RC/2021/20)

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Introduction

1. Regarding document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/20 (OTIF/RID/RC/2021/20), the gas industry has informed Germany that, before their prohibition in RID/ADR 2015, fusible plugs were the most common type of pressure relief devices used for acetylene cylinders. For this reason, they should continue to be mentioned explicitly in the regulations. In addition, all other types of pressure relief devices should be included in the provisions.

Proposal

2. The proposal in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/20 (OTIF/RID/RC/2021/20) is amended accordingly.

Amend RID/ADR 6.2.3.1.5 as follows (addition underlined):

“Acetylene cylinders shall not be fitted with fusible plugs or any other pressure relief devices.”