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Information on the difficulties in applying a standard cited in Chapter 6

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Introduction

1. The Government of France submitted ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/41 to the Joint Meeting in September 2021. This paper highlighted some apparent difficulties in applying EN ISO EN ISO 11118:2015, *Gas cylinders — Non-refillable metallic gas cylinders — Specification and test methods* as referenced in 6.2.4 of RID/ADR. The representative of CEN announced that the concerns raised were forwarded to the concerned ISO Technical Committee, ISO/TC58/SC3, Cylinder design, and were expected to be discussed at the plenary meeting of this committee due to be held on 20-21 October 2021, (see informal document INF.25). He offered to report back to the Joint Meeting at its next session.

Discussion

2. ISO/TC58/SC3 met in October 2021 and agreed to establish a Task Force of experts, (ISO/TC58/SC3/TF3), that would be requested to review the points raised in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/41. The Task Force was requested to produce a report by the end of January 2022.

3. The task force met in December 2021 and reviewed ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/41.

4. In accordance with the procedures of ISO the report from the task force meeting was submitted in January 2022 to ISO/TC58/SC3 for ballot. There were comments received from two standards bodies and these have been passed back to the task force chair to arrange a meeting to discuss these. If as a result one or more of the responses are fundamentally changed a second ballot will be conducted.

5. Once the report of the task force has been agreed by ISO/TC58/SC3 this shall be forwarded to the Joint Meeting for their consideration. This should be in line with the Autumn 2022 session.
