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Miscellaneous proposals for amendments to the Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: other miscellaneous proposals

New transitional measures for pressure receptacles

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Introduction

1. In the autumn 2021 session of the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15/AC.1), transitional provisions for the amendments to 6.2.1.5.2, 6.2.2.7.3 (k) and (l) and 6.2.2.11 were adopted. These transitional measures would also be necessary for the Model Regulations, hence the representative of EIGA was requested to also submit a document with similar transitional measures to the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG).

2. During the previous session of the TDG Sub-Committee, EIGA presented informal document INF.14 (59th session). The Sub-Committee noted principal support to insert in 6.2.1.5.2, 6.2.2.7.3 and 6.2.2.11 a note on transitional measures as proposed in informal document INF.14 but was not ready to take a decision based on an informal document. Furthermore, some experts preferred to add a specific date to the notes in 6.2.2.7.3 and 6.2.2.11. The Vice-Chair reminded the Sub-Committee that the proposed amendments had already been adopted by the WP.15/AC.1 Joint Meeting (see annex II of report ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/162) and urged the Sub-Committee to conclude the discussion on this subject at its next session.

3. EIGA have taking account of the comments received and proposes below an updated amendment. The new text proposed to that in informal document INF.14 (59th session) is marked as underlined.

* A/75/6 (Sect.20), para. 20.51
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4. 6.2.1.5.2 Insert the following note at the end:

“NOTE: Closed cryogenic receptacles which were constructed in accordance with the initial inspection and test requirements of 6.2.1.5.2 applicable in the twenty-first revised edition of the Model Regulations but which do not however conform to the requirements of 6.2.1.5.2 relating to the initial inspection and test applicable in the twenty-second revised edition of the Model Regulations, may continue to be used.”

5. 6.2.2.7.3 Insert the following note at the end:

“NOTE: Acetylene cylinders constructed in accordance with the twenty-first revised edition of the Model Regulations which are not marked in accordance with 6.2.2.7.3 (k) or (l) applicable in the twenty-second revised edition of the Model Regulations, may continue to be used until the next periodic inspection and test two years after the coming into force of the twenty-third revised edition of the Model Regulation where they have to be marked according to the twenty-third revised edition of the Model Regulations or be taken out of operation.”

6. 6.2.2.11 Insert the following note at the end:

“NOTE: Closures of refillable pressure receptacles manufactured before 1 July 2025 in accordance with the requirements applicable in the twenty-first revised edition of the Model Regulations which are not marked in accordance with the requirements of 6.2.2.11 applicable in the twenty second revised edition may continue to be used.”