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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**

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**Tanks****Accreditation of inspection bodies for the purpose of  
authorisation and surveillance of in-house inspection services****Transmitted by the Government of the United Kingdom\* \*\***

1. Document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2022/17 discussed during the March 2022 session of the Joint Meeting suggested, as agreed at the inter-sessional meeting of the members of the informal working group on the inspection and certification of tanks on 15 December 2021, that work should be done in the next biennium on the accreditation of inspection bodies for the purpose of authorisation and surveillance of in-house inspection services.

2. The purpose of the work would be to (i) improve the precision of the wording relating to such matters, and (ii) take into account relevant clauses in EN ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and the *EA Document on Accreditation for Notification Purposes* EA-2-17-M 2020 of the European co-operation for Accreditation, that in practice are also to be satisfied in addition to EN ISO 17020:2012 (except clause 8.1.3) type A requirements by those inspection bodies who audit and certify an in-house inspection service of a manufacturer.

3. Informal document INF.24 also discussed during the March 2022 session of the Joint Meeting suggested that where an in-house inspection service is used according to 6.2.2.12, 6.2.3.6.1, 6.8.1.5.3 (b) or 6.8.1.5.4 (b), consideration should be given in 1.8.6.2.1 to the accreditation of an inspection body according to clause 7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.2.4, 7.2.5, 7.2.8, 7.2.10 and 9.1 to 9.4 and 9.6 of EN ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 as well as according to EN ISO/IEC 17020:2012 (except clause 8.1.3) type A requirements.

4. In conclusion, the March 2022 session of the Joint Meeting agreed that a copy of the standard should be deployed to the experts and discussion resumed at the next session based on an official document. Accordingly, the United Kingdom submits this document to allow for the discussion to continue and will provide any further applicable information in an informal document in due time for consideration at the September 2022 session of the Joint Meeting.

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\* A/76/6 (Sect.20), para. 20.76.

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