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RESTRUCTURING OF RID/ADR

Chapter 3.2 : Table A

Proposal by the Government of Belgium

Introduction

1. The RID/ADR Joint Meeting of March 2000 decided to indicate the reinforced plastics tanks in table A of Chapter 3.2 (Cfr. point 119 of the report TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/80).
2. The RID Safety Committee, in its meeting in June 2000, chose not to follow this decision. According to the rules of procedure, this item is therefore returned to the Joint Meeting for reexamination.
3. Belgium is of the opinion that the decision of the RID/ADR Joint Meeting has to be maintained, for the following reasons :
 - The user finds in table A an indication of the types of packagings, IBCs, metal tanks and multimodal tankcontainers he is allowed to use for his product. Not to include the reinforced plastics tanks would be illogical and contrary to the principles of the restructured ADR/RID;
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 - it would be extremely unfriendly for the user if table A would not indicate in each case whether the transport in reinforced plastics tanks is allowed or not. It would force him to go to the table of contents to find the correct chapter, to go to chapter 4.4 and to check the restrictions concerning class, vapor pressure, design pressure, etc.
 - the amount of work involved with the introduction of a reference to these tanks in table A (the main reason for the RID Safety Committee's decision) can be very limited if a simple and unique code is used. A precedent for this way forward exists : the inclusion of the letter (M) after the tank code, meaning that the substance can also be carried in battery-vehicles or MEGCs.
4. In the proposals set out below, the changes are kept to a minimum. In a further stage, text can be developed to make direct use of the tank codes and special provisions for metal tanks.

Proposals

1. Add a [(P)] after the code in column 12 of table A in Chapter 3.2 when the substance can be

carried in fibre-reinforced plastics tanks.

2. In the explanations concerning column (12) of table A in Section 3.2.1 :

- add the following text after the paragraph starting with “The indication of a (M) ...” : “The indication of a [(P)] after the code means that the substance can also be carried in fibre-reinforced plastics tanks. The requirements for the construction, equipment, type approval, testing and marking are to be found in Chapter 6.9. The requirements for the use are to be found in Chapter 4.4.” ;
- eliminate the sentence “For fibre-reinforced plastic tanks, see 4.4.1 and Chapter 6.9.”

3. Replace section 4.4.1 with :

“General

The carriage of dangerous substances in fibre-reinforced plastics (FRP) tanks is permitted only when the code in column (12) of table A in Chapter 3.2 is followed by a [(P)]^{1/}.

^{1/} This means that the following conditions are met :

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) as in 4.4.1 of TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/80/Add.5 ”.
