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Chapter 6.8, Reference to standard EN 12 972, correction to the adopted text of RID/ADR.

Proposal submitted by the International Union of Railways UIC/IUR

The Joint RID/ADR-meeting has adopted a provision in Sub-Section 6.8.2.6 to refer to standard EN 12972:2001 (with the exception of annexes D and E, regarding the tank plates).

Subsection 6.8.2.6 however refers to "tanks which are designed, constructed and tested according to standards" only.

Up to now in RID and ADR there do not exist any references to standards for the design and construction of tanks; this means that presently the new provision 6.8.2.6 can not be applied to any tank.

It is, however, no problem to test existing tanks, which are not designed and constructed according to a standard, according to the methods set out in the standard EN 12972:2001. The application of this standard for the testing procedures for existing tanks would lead to harmonization of the testing in RID member states and ADR contracting parties.

Consequently the UIC/IUR proposes the following amendments:

- Transfer the complete text of 6.8.2.6 to a new paragraph 6.8.2.4.6, and amend 'Chapter 6.8 'in this text to read ' this sub-section'.
- Introduce "(reserved)" for the text of 6.8.2.6.
- In the titles of 6.8.2.6 and 6.8.2.7 and in the text of 6.8.2.7 amend 'constructed and tested' to read: 'and constructed' (4x).