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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT TO RID/ADR/ADN

Transitory measures for certain provisions adopted by the Joint Meeting

Transmitted by the European Commission

Introduction

The Joint Meeting adopted in its meetings of 2007 a set of amendments regarding the restructuring of Chapter 6.2 and conformity assessments that were recorded under Chapter 1.8. Amendments regarding conformity assessments came largely from the EU Directive 99/36/EC on transportable pressure equipment (TPED) but in modified form. These amendments will enter into force in ADR/RID/ADN 2009.

ADR/RID/ADN with their amended provisions of 2009 are annexes to the forthcoming EU directive on the land transport of dangerous goods. The current TPED remains in force for some time, which may cause conflicts between the new transport directive and TPED, because the corresponding provisions in these two pieces of EU legislation differ. As a consequence of this unsatisfactory situation, a revision of TPED has started some time ago and it is progressing well. However, we know by experience that the preparation and adoption of new EU legislation always takes a minimum of two years. Therefore it is foreseen that possible conflicts between the new transport directive (ADR/RID/ADN) and TPED may cause problems in the national legislation of EU Member States, at least in some of them. Possible problems may appear in accreditation provisions or application of conformity assessment modules/procedures, for instance. It is expected that the revised TPED will be in force by the end of 2010, at the latest, which would mean that the possible conflicts disappear.

For the reasons above the European Commission proposes transitory measures for certain adopted ADR/RID/ADN amendments.

Proposals

Add new 1.6.2.7:

The requirements of 1.8.6, 1.8.7, 6.2.2.9 and 6.2.3.6 for pressure receptacles shall apply as from 1 July 2011 only. Until that date Contracting Parties shall continue to apply the requirements of 6.2.1.4.1- 6.2.1.4.4 applicable as from 1 January 2007.

Add new 1.6.3.35:

The requirements of 1.8.6, 1.8.7 and 6.8.4 TA4 and TT9 for tanks of Class 2 shall only apply as from 1 July 2011.
