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Reports of informal working groups

Informal working group on the periodicity of testing of refillable welded steel cylinders for Liquefied Petroleum Gases (LPG)

Transmitted by the European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA)

Introduction

1. The Government of Germany has submitted ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2010/48.
2. Within ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2010/48 there are a number of proposals for text amendment. Specifically under item E of “VII. Amendments proposed”, there is new text suggested for “Inspection, refurbishing and fitting of valves to cylinders.” Within this section there are amendments that will not only include valves for liquefied petroleum gases, but also for other gases of Class 2, which were not part of the original scope of the working group.
3. EIGA is of the opinion that this text needs further development and wishes to ensure that any amendments are applicable and appropriate for all gases of Class 2, and so considers that this specific area needs to be reviewed for applicability to all Class 2 gases.

Proposal

4. In order that the inspection, refurbishing and fitting of valves to cylinders should be adequately reviewed and text developed for applicability for all gases of Class 2, and other gases as appropriate, EIGA proposes that an intersessional informal working group is established as quickly as possible to review this subject and develop new text. This working group would comprise of both experts from the Joint Meeting and industry.
