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Frequency of periodic inspections of tanks for the transport of certain gases

Transmitted by the Government of France^{1,2}

Summary	
Executive summary:	Incorporate the requirements of 6.8.3.4.6 (a) into a special test provision.
Action to be taken:	Include a special provision TT in 6.8.4 and add this special provision to Table A for the relevant UN numbers.

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Introduction

1. Pursuant to 6.8.3.4.6 (a), tanks for the carriage of UN No. 1008 boron trifluoride, UN No. 1017 chlorine, UN No. 1048 hydrogen bromide, anhydrous, UN No. 1050 hydrogen chloride, anhydrous, UN No. 1053 hydrogen sulphide or UN No. 1079 sulphur dioxide are subject to periodic inspections at intervals reduced by half.

2. Unlike similar requirements, this requirement has not been conveyed in the form of a special provision with the restructuring of RID/ADR, and this may be confusing for users who tend to refer mainly to Table A.

3. To avoid enforcement issues, we propose to incorporate the requirements of 6.8.3.4.6 (a) into a special test provision to be introduced in column (13) of Table A opposite the relevant UN numbers.

Proposal

5. In 6.8.4 (d), add the following special provision TT 10:

TT 10 The periodic inspections according to 6.8.2.4.2 shall take place:

RID

at least every four years | at least every two and a half years

ADR

at least every three years | at least every two and a half years

- 6. In Chapter 3.2, Table A, under UN numbers 1008, 1017, 1048, 1050, 1053 and 1079, add column (13): "TT 10".
- 7. In 6.8.3.4.6, delete letter (a) and the following text and delete letter (b).

Justification

8. Avoids potential enforcement issues.