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##### **Proposals for amendment to RID/ADR/ADN: new proposals**

### **Amendment to 4.1.1.17 concerning pressure receptacles**

**Transmitted by the European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA)<sup>1, 2</sup>**

#### **Introduction**

1. At the forty-eighth session of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods held in December 2015, the informal working group on global recognition of UN and non-UN pressure receptacles met to continue its consideration the barriers to mutual recognition. During a review of the situation in Europe, the working group found an incompatibility of the text in RID/ADR 4.1.1.17 and the Note at the start of section 4.1.1.
2. 4.1.1.17 is very significant for international recognition since it guarantees that pressure receptacles bearing the UN marks may be carried even when approved in a state that is neither an RID Contracting State nor a Contracting Party to ADR. However the Note under the title of 4.1.1 states that section 4.1.1 does not apply to Class 2, and therefore it negates the provisions of 4.1.1.17 for pressure receptacles containing gases.
3. For reference the Note is reproduced below.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the draft programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2016-2017, (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2015/19 (9.2)).

<sup>2</sup> Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2016/7.

**4.1.1 General provisions for the packing of dangerous goods in packagings, including IBCs and large packagings**

*NOTE: For the packing of goods of Classes 2, 6.2 and 7, the general provisions of this section only apply as indicated in 4.1.8.2 (Class 6.2), 4.1.9.1.5 (Class 7) and in the applicable packing instructions of 4.1.4 (P201 and LP02 for Class 2 and P620, P621, IBC620 and LP621 for Class 6.2).*

**Proposal 1**

4. It is proposed to amend 4.1.1.17 to clarify that the above Note does not apply. New words are shown underlined.

4.1.1.17 Notwithstanding the Note following the heading of 4.1.1, packagings, including IBCs and large packagings, marked in accordance with 6.1.3, 6.2.2.7, 6.2.2.8, 6.3.1, 6.5.2 or 6.6.3 but which were approved in a State which is not an RID Contracting State / a Contracting Party to ADR may nevertheless be used for carriage under RID/ADR.

**Proposal 2**

5. As an alternative, the Note could be amended.

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