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Carriage of pressure receptacles approved by the Department of Transportation of the United States of America (DOT)

Transmitted by the European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA)*,**

1. At the Joint Meeting in September 2016 the representative of EIGA submitted ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2016/30. This reported on the progress being made on the submission of a "*petition for rule making*" to permit certain European pressure receptacles to be temporarily imported into the United States of America. As the representative from EIGA stated, further updates would be provided at subsequent Joint Meetings.

2. Since the September 2016 meeting progress has been made with the Compressed Gas Association in the United States to further develop the language for the "*petition for rule making*".

3. Development of the text has taken longer than anticipated in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2016/30, and as a consequence it is anticipated that the submission will be made to the United States Department of Transportation during the first quarter of 2017.

4. Once the submission is made, EIGA shall advise the Joint Meeting of this and propose text to address the reciprocity of pressure receptacles from North America being permitted temporary importation via ADR.

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