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Tanks**Inspection of tanks for which the specified date for the
intermediate inspection has passed****Transmitted by the Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP)*,******Introduction**

1. In informal document INF.19 of the Joint Meeting in September 2023, France noted that there was still uncertainty among the inspection bodies as to which inspection should be carried out once the specified date of the intermediate inspection in accordance with 6.8.2.4.3 and the three-month tolerance period specified for this purpose has passed. In these cases, some inspection bodies would still insist on carrying out a periodic test in accordance with 6.8.2.4.2.

2. In the working group on tanks, as in previous discussions on this subject, it was confirmed that in this case it is sufficient to carry out an intermediate inspection in accordance with 6.8.2.4.3. To reflect this situation in the regulations, UIP offered to submit a text proposal to the Joint Meeting.

Proposal

3. Amend the third subparagraph of 6.8.2.4.3 to read as follows (new text is shown in bold):

"If an intermediate inspection is performed more than three months before the specified date, another intermediate inspection shall be performed no later than

(RID:) four years/(ADR:) three years | two and a half years

after this earlier date or alternatively a periodic inspection may be performed in accordance with 6.8.2.4.2.

* A/78/6 (Sect. 20), table 20.5.

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If the specified date of the intermediate inspection is more than three months overdue, at least one intermediate inspection in accordance with 6.8.2.4.3 shall be performed before the next filling or alternatively a periodic test may be performed in accordance with 6.8.2.4.2."

Assessment

4. This addition simply clarifies the procedure that is largely standard practice in the railway sector, which has also been confirmed in previous meetings of the working group on tanks. This would not jeopardise safety.
