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**Tanks**

 Request for advice from the Working Group on Tanks

 Transmitted by the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN)[[1]](#footnote-1), [[2]](#footnote-2)

1. At the Joint Meeting in March 2015, the Working Group on Standards considered whether to include the standard EN 16522:2014 ‘Tanks for transport of dangerous goods – Service equipment for tanks - Flame arresters for breather devices’ in the table of 6.8.2.6.1 of ADR (only).

2. Two issues prevented a decision being reached.

 (a) EN 16522 has very little technical content and simply describes which requirements of ISO 16852 apply and in what circumstances plus the marking requirements. Is the value added by this standard sufficient to merit a reference in the ADR?

 (b) The Working Group on Standards also was uncertain whether the standard was technically correct.

3. Therefore, a decision was deferred and it was decided to ask the Working Group on Tanks to give an opinion on both these points.

4. Confirmation of this request may be found in paragraph 21 of the report of the Joint Meeting in March (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/138) and the final paragraph of informal document INF.48 of the spring 2015 session.

5. This request was passed to Working Group on Tanks at the Spring 2016 session as informal document INF.10, but the agenda was too full for it to be considered so this document repeats that request.

6. EN 16522 and ISO 16852 + Corr.1 + Corr.2 have been sent out to members of the Working Group on Tanks by the CEN Programme Manager and are to be found in a specific new folder for the Working Group on Tanks using the following link:

 <http://cen.iso.org/livelink/livelink?func=ll&objId=7910111&objAction=browse&viewType=1>

1. In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2016-2017, (ECE/TRANS/2016/28/Add.1 (9.2)). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2016/20. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)