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Subject: Protective measures to prevent damage caused by the overriding of buffers

Proposal transmitted by Switzerland

Document OCTI/RID/CE/41/4b) submitted by Germany was drafted jointly by Germany and Switzerland, and Switzerland therefore supports it in principle.

However, before the document was submitted, the two proposers were unable to come to an agreement with regard to one small point.

Following the discussions at the last meeting of the Working Group on tank and vehicle technology, a sentence was added to paragraph (b) of new special provision TExx prescribing special measures to reduce the risk of corrosion ("If the risk of corrosion cannot be eliminated by structural measures, it must be made possible to undertake an inspection of the external wall of the tank ends, e.g. by providing a removable cover.").

Switzerland proposes that "structural measures" be replaced by "approved structural measures".

Justification

Switzerland's reason for wishing to add the word "approved" is primarily in order that the retrofitting of existing tank-wagons, which has to be carried out in accordance with transitional provision 1.6.3.y, is not left to the industry to interpret freely.

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