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Suggestion transmitted by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Explanatory summary:

There is no cross-reference between the transitional provisions which apply to energy absorption elements. There is a risk that the requirement to retrofit set out in 1.6.3.26 will not be observed.

Measure:

Include a cross-reference in 1.6.3.27 (a) or combine the transitional provisions in 1.6.3.26 and 1.6.3.27 (a).

Related documents:

Report A 81-03/501.2004 on the 40th session of the RID Committee of Experts, paragraphs 5 to 11 (document OCTI/RID/CE/40/7a)).

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In the 2005 edition, the following two transitional provisions were formulated in connection with the incorporation of new special provision TE22 (energy absorption elements):

1.6.3.26 Tank-wagons and battery-wagons for gases of Class 2 with classification codes containing the letter(s) T, TF, TC, TO, TFC or TOC, and for substances of classes 3 to 8 to which tank code L15CH, L15DH or L21DH is assigned in column (12) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 shall, by 1 January 2011, be fitted with devices in accordance with 6.8.4 (b), special provision TE22, which shall however be capable of absorbing at least 500 kJ of energy at each end of the wagon.

1.6.3.27 (a) Tank-wagons constructed before 1 January 2005 and which do not conform to the applicable requirements of special provision TE22 of 6.8.4 in force from 1 January 2005, may still be used.

(b) Tank-wagons constructed before 1 January 2007 and which do not conform to the applicable requirements of special provision TE22 of 6.8.4 in force from 1 January 2007, may still be used.^(c)

^(c) This transitional provision will enter into force on 1 January 2007."

There is a risk in the way the above is set out that the user will only read the transitional provision in 1.6.3.27 (a) and will not take account of the transitional provision in 1.6.3.26, which also applies.

There are several ways this layout could be improved. The Secretariat of OTIF suggests two possibilities, of which option 2 is the preferred one.

1. Add at the end of 1.6.3.27 (a):

"(see, however, the transitional provision in 1.6.3.26):"

2. Combine the transitional provisions in 1.6.3.26 and 1.6.3.27 (a):

1.6.3.26 Amend to read as follows:

"(Reserved)".

1.6.3.27 (a) Amend to read as follows:

"Tank-wagons and battery-wagons

- for gases of Class 2 with classification codes containing the letter(s) T, TF, TC, TO, TFC or TOC, and
- for substances of classes 3 to 8 to which tank code L15CH, L15DH or L21DH is assigned in column (12) of Table A of Chapter 3.2,

constructed before 1 January 2005 and which do not conform to the applicable requirements of special provision TE22 of 6.8.4 in force from 1 January 2005, may still be used. However, they shall, by 1 January 2011, be fitted with devices in accordance with special provision TE22, which, however, need be capable of absorbing only 500 kJ of energy at each end of the wagon."

In this case, paragraph (b) would need to be aligned with the new structure of paragraph (a):

1.6.3.27 (b) Amend to read as follows:

"Tank-wagons

- for gases of Class 2 with classification codes containing only the letter F, and
- for substances of classes 3 to 8 to which tank code L10BH, L10CH or L10DH is assigned in column (12) of Table A of Chapter 3.2,

constructed before 1 January 2007 and which do not conform to the applicable requirements of special provision TE22 of 6.8.4 in force from 1 January 2007, may still be used.^(*)

^(*) (Footnote unchanged)".

As the above is only an improvement in the presentation, this amendment could be included in a corrigendum to the 2005 edition.
