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Subject: Transitional provision in 1.6.3.18

Proposal transmitted by Belgium

Summary

Amend the transitional provision in 1.6.3.18 to avoid tank-wagons not being marked with the name of the product being carried or with the code prescribed in 6.8.2.5.2.

Introduction

In RID/ADR 2005, 6.8.2.5.2 was amended; in particular, the requirement to provide the proper shipping name (except for substances of 4.3.4.1.3) was replaced with the requirement to indicate special provisions TC, TE and TA.

It could be assumed from the way the transitional period in 1.6.3.18 is worded that between 2005 and 2011, tanks which are not marked either with the name of the product or with the tank code and special provisions TC, TE and TA are permitted; Belgium finds this regrettable. The transitional provision should have been worded in such a way that it is required to provide either the name of the product being carried or the tank code and special provisions TC, TE and TA.

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Proposal

Supplement the transitional provision in 1.6.3.18 as follows:

1.6.3.18 Tank-wagons and battery-wagons constructed before 1 January 2003 in accordance with the requirements in force up to 30 June 2001, but which do not, however, conform to the requirements applicable as from 1 July 2001, may still be used.

Assignment to the tank code in the design type approvals and the relevant markings shall be carried out prior to 1 January 2011.

The marking of the alphanumeric codes of special provisions TC, TE and TA in accordance with 6.8.4 shall be carried out when the tank codes are assigned or at one of the tests in accordance with 6.8.2.4 subsequent to the assignment, but by 31 December 2010 at the latest. **Until the marking of the relevant codes is carried out, the proper shipping names of the substances accepted for carriage^(*) shall be inscribed on both sides of the tank-wagon (on the tank itself or on a plate).**

^(*) **The proper shipping name may be replaced by a collective entry grouping substances with similar properties which are also compatible with the properties of the tank.**

Justification

In Belgium's view, the purpose of the transitional provision is to ensure that the tank bears either the name of the product being carried or the tank code and special provisions TC, TE and TA.

However, the present wording leads to the approval of tanks which are not marked with the name of the product or with the tank code and special provisions TC, TE and TA.

Feasibility

In order to rule out any misunderstanding, this amendment should be included in a corrigendum which should be published as soon as possible.

The same question arises with regard to the marking of tank-containers and must therefore be submitted to the RID/ADR Joint Meeting.
