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Proposal transmitted by the European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA)

Introduction

EIGA would like to draw the attention of the RID Committee of Experts to the fact that in accordance with the recommendations in the report of the Joint Meeting standards working group, standard "EN 849:1996/A2:2001" is to be replaced by "EN ISO 10297:2006" (see OCTI/RID/CE/42/4a)). There are tens of thousands of gas cylinders in circulation with valves bearing the mark "EN 849" and these valves are still safe since this standard is technically the same as EN ISO 10297:2006. There is therefore a need to create a transitional provision to allow the existing equipment to continue to be used.

The replacement of this standard is only the first of many future replacements of standards as the duplication between ISO and EN standards is eliminated and as standards evolve to take account of technical progress. The transitional measure therefore needs to be of a generalised kind that allows the continued use of all equipment made in accordance with withdrawn standards.

A parallel may be drawn between this situation of a withdrawn standard and the withdrawn technical code which is the subject of a new transitional provision in 1.6.2.4 (see OCTI/RID/CE/42/4a)).

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"1.6.2.4 Pressure receptacles designed and constructed in accordance with technical codes no longer recognized according to 6.2.3 may still be used."

Proposal

EIGA therefore proposes the following transitional measure in respect of Chapter 6.2.

"1.6.2.5 Pressure receptacles and their closures designed and constructed in accordance with standards no longer listed in 6.2.2 or 6.2.5 may still be used."
