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Subject: Marking the tank with special provisions TE, TA and TC

Proposal transmitted by Belgium

Summary

Clarification of 6.8.2.5.2 and 6.8.2.3.1.

Introduction

At the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting in September 2004, France submitted a document (OCTI/RID/GT-III/2004/24 – TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2004/24), the aim of which was to clarify the application of the special provisions shown in column 13 of Table A of Chapter 3.2.

The Joint Meeting tank working group shared the view that the application of certain special provisions, which are obviously not worded clearly enough for the users, causes difficulties of interpretation (see document OCTI/RID/GT-III/2004-A/Add.1 – TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/96/Add.1, point 10).

At the RID/ADR Joint Meetings in March and September 2005, Belgium and Germany proposed solutions (OCTI/RID/GT-III/2005/34 and .../2005/55 – TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/34 and .../2005/55) which were not adopted.

In view of the urgent nature of this matter and following the discussions, the Joint Meeting in September 2005 asked Belgium to propose a solution to the RID Committee of Experts and to WP.15.

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Problem to be resolved

It must be clearly indicated in which cases TE, TA and TC special provisions have to be entered in the approval certificate and/or on the tank. The aim being pursued is:

- that all the TE, TA and TC special provisions shown in column 13 for the product to be carried are included in the certificate and on the tank for substances other than those covered by 4.3.4.1.3;
- to avoid having to inscribe special provisions TE/TC on a large number of wagons that will never contain the products concerned (e.g. TC3 on all tanks made of austenitic steel).

Proposals

Proposal 1

6.8.2.3.1 Amend the fourth indent as follows: (additions are highlighted in bold):

- "– special construction (TC), equipment (TE) and type approval (TA) requirements of 6.8.4 ~~applicable to the type~~ which are shown in column 13 of Table A of Chapter 3.2 for those substances for the carriage of which the tank has been approved;"

Proposal 2

6.8.2.5.2 Amend the seventh indent (left and right-hand columns) to read:

"– for substances other than those according to 4.3.4.1.3, the alphanumeric codes of all applicable special provisions TC and TE and TA according to 6.8.4 which are shown in column 13 of Table A of Chapter 3.2 for the substances to be carried in the tank;	– for substances other than those according to 4.3.4.1.3, the alphanumeric codes of all applicable special provisions TC and TE and TA according to 6.8.4 which are shown in column 13 of Table A of Chapter 3.2 for the substances to be carried in the tank;"
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Justification

The fillers and inspection staff can ensure at a glance that the tank is suitable for the product being carried and superfluous information on the tank is avoided. In addition, there is no longer any risk of the text being interpreted differently.

Note: The special provisions for approving the design type (TA) must not be included in 6.8.2.5.2 because all the substances to which these special provisions are assigned are covered by 4.3.4.1.3.

Feasibility

In view of the limited number of products concerned by the few special provisions that cause problems of interpretation, the number of certificates that will need to be amended should not be very great.