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**Subject:** Amendment of the transitional provision in 1.6.3.27

**Proposal transmitted by Latvia**

## Introduction

1. At the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the standing working group, the secretariat pointed out on the basis of informal document INF.6 that the current wording of the transitional provision in 1.6.3.27 did not take account of the value of 130 kJ specified in special provision TE 22 for the minimum energy absorption at each end of the wagon for tank-wagons with an automatic coupling device.
2. After the discussion, it was proposed to exclude tank-wagons with an automatic coupling device from the scope of paragraphs (a) and (b) of the transitional provision and to include a new paragraph (c) to make special provision TE 22 applicable only to tank-wagons with an automatic coupling device that were built after 1 January 2015.
3. The secretariat was asked to work together with the Latvian delegation to prepare a text proposal for the next session of the working group to amend the transitional provision in 1.6.3.27 accordingly.
4. However, after further consideration, this approach was not followed for the proposal that has been submitted, because in a new (c), a lot of text from paragraphs (a) and (b) would have to be repeated, which makes the regulations less easy to read.

## Proposal

5. Amend the transitional provision in 1.6.3.27 to read as follows (amendments are shown in bold):

**"1.6.3.27** (a) For tank-wagons and battery-wagons **not fitted with automatic couplers**

- 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 carried in the liquid state and 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 the devices defined in special provision TE 22 of 6.8.4 need to be capable of absorbing at least 500 kJ of energy at each end of the wagon.

**Tank-wagons and battery-wagons for the carriage of these gases and substances fitted with automatic couplers, constructed before 1 July 2015 and which do not conform to the applicable requirements of special provision TE 22 of 6.8.4 in force from 1 January 2015, may continue to be used until 31 December 2020.**

(b) Tank-wagons and battery-wagons **not fitted with automatic couplers**

- for gases of Class 2 with classification codes containing only the letter F, and
- for substances of classes 3 to 8 carried in the liquid state and 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 TE 22 of 6.8.4 in force from 1 January 2007, may still be used.

**Tank-wagons and battery-wagons for the carriage of these gases and substances fitted with automatic couplers, constructed before 1 July 2015 and which do not conform to the applicable requirements of special provision TE 22 of 6.8.4 in force from 1 January 2015, may still be used."**

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