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Addendum 1

**Guidelines for assigning portable tank requirements
to substances in Classes 3 to 9
(See ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/26, paras. 17 and 18 and Annex 1)**

GUIDELINES FOR ASSIGNING PORTABLE TANK REQUIREMENTS TO SUBSTANCES IN CLASSES 3 TO 9

1. These guidelines for assigning portable tank requirements to substances in Classes 3 to 9 are provided as a reference to be used for assigning portable tank requirements to specific substances. The guidelines were developed taking into consideration the hazards of dangerous goods and their physical and chemical characteristics.
2. The guidelines provide guidance for assigning specific requirements including minimum test pressures, minimum shell thicknesses, pressure-relief device arrangements and bottom opening closure requirements for portable tanks used to transport substances in Classes 3 to 9.
3. For certain substances the tank requirements recommended by these guidelines may not be appropriate owing to unique characteristics of the substance not addressed in these guidelines. In these instances expert judgement should be applied in assigning appropriate requirements. For example bottom openings may not be appropriate for substances corrosive to ship structures.
4. The guidelines are provided in two parts. Part I provides general guidance. Part II provides specific guidance for groups of substances organized on the basis of the Class or Division, Packing Group and subsidiary risk.

Part I

General Guidelines

5. In assigning tank requirements to a substance the following should be taken into account:
 - 5.1 **Prohibited Substances:** Some substances should be prohibited from transport in portable tanks. These substances are considered too dangerous for transport typically because of their instability or because they pose an unacceptably high level of risk when transported in bulk quantities under normal conditions of transport. The following substances are prohibited from transport in portable tanks:
 - Substances of Class 1;
 - Desensitised explosives in Division 4.1;
 - Self-reactive substances (other than type F) and related substances of Division 4.1;
 - Organic peroxides of Division 5.2 other than type F;
 - Radioactive materials other than Low Specific Activity (LSA) non-fissile or fissile excepted materials.

Additional prohibited substances are specifically identified in the Model Regulations. Furthermore, some substances may only be transported on the basis of an approval by the competent authority.

- 5.2 **Minimum Shell Thicknesses:** The minimum shell thicknesses prescribed are provided in thicknesses relevant to reference steel with a guaranteed minimum tensile strength of 370 N/mm² and a guaranteed minimum elongation of 27%. When other materials are used equivalent thickness calculations should be performed. Minimum thicknesses range from 5 mm to 10 mm. Part II of the guidelines provide guidance for assigning minimum thicknesses. Granular or powdered solid substances of PG II or III may be

transported in tanks with minimum shell thicknesses of 5 mm in the reference steel regardless of the tank diameter when 6.6.2.4.2 is specified relevant to a given substance. Regardless of the minimum thickness specified in Part II, if the thickness determined in accordance with the provisions of sections 6.6.2.4 is greater, the greater thickness shall be applied.

5.3 ***Corrosive Effects of Substances on Materials of Construction:*** The minimum thicknesses prescribed do not take a substance's corrosive effects into account. The consignor must ensure that the tank materials of construction are compatible with the lading.

5.4 ***Minimum Test Pressures:*** Irrespective of the pressure assigned in these guidelines, the minimum test pressure assigned to an individual substance should be the greater of the pressure determined on the basis of the definitions in 6.6.2.1 of the Model Regulations and the pressure assigned in these guidelines.

5.5 ***Pressure-Relief Devices Requirements:*** Two pressure relief device requirements are possible, (1) Normal (N) (where the provisions of paragraph 6.6.2.8.1 apply) or (2) 6.6.2.8.3. When paragraph 6.6.2.8.3 is referenced, a frangible disk must be provided in series preceding the pressure relief device. Paragraph 6.6.2.8.3 should be assigned to substances that:

- have the potential to polymerize or to produce solid or highly viscous substances capable of preventing proper operation of the relief valve.

In addition, 6.6.2.8.3 is also specified for individual substances as specified in the dangerous goods list based on the decisions of the Committee of Experts.

5.6 ***Bottom Openings:*** Three possible bottom opening arrangements are proposed, 6.6.2.6.3 (which indicates three serially mounted means of closure), 6.6.2.6.2 (two serially mounted means of closure) or NA (Not Allowed).

5.7 ***Filling Limits:*** Three different filling restrictions are possible. The filling limits are considered operational requirements. The filling limits do not have a direct relationship to the construction of the tank or the arrangement of the service equipment. On this basis, filling limits are not addressed in Part II of this Annex and will not be included in the tank type designations. The maximum filling limit for a substance should be consistent with the provisions under "Filling" in Chapter 4.2 of the Model Regulations. The shipper of the dangerous goods has the ultimate responsibility for assuring portable tanks are not filled in excess of the specified limits for each substance, solution or mixture transported.

5.8 ***Molten Substances:*** Assignments for molten substances of all classes should be based on the requirements established for liquids of the same class, division, packing group and subsidiary risk of the substance.

Part II**Specific guidelines for assigning portable tank requirements to groups of substances**

6.0 In assigning tank requirements to a substance the following should be taken into account:

6.1 For substances in **CLASS 3, PG III without a subsidiary risk** the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	1.5 bar */	6.6.2.4.2	Normal	6.6.2.6.3

*/ A higher minimum test pressure may be required depending on the absolute vapour pressure of the substance at 65 °C and the pressure prescribed using the definitions for design and test pressure in paragraphs 6.6.2.1 of the Model Regulations.

6.2 For substances in **CLASS 3, PG III with a Division 6.1 or a Class 8 subsidiary risk** the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	2.65 bar */	6.6.2.4.2	Normal	6.6.2.6.3

*/ A higher minimum test pressure may be required depending on the absolute vapour pressure of the substance at 65 °C and the pressure prescribed using the definitions for design and test pressure in paragraphs 6.6.2.1 of the Model Regulations.

6.3a For substances in **CLASS 3, PG II without subsidiary risks**, the following requirements should apply:

Portable Tank Instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	2.65 bar */	6.6.2.4.2	Normal	6.6.2.6.3

*/ A higher minimum test pressure may be required depending on the absolute vapour pressure of the substance at 65 °C and the pressure prescribed using the definitions for design and test pressure in paragraph 6.6.2.1 of the Model Regulations.

6.3b For substances in **CLASS 3, PG II with Division 6.1 or Class 8 subsidiary risks** the following requirements should apply:

Portable Tank Instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	4.0 bar */	6.6.2.4.2	Normal	6.6.2.6.3

*/ A higher minimum test pressure may be required depending on the absolute vapour pressure of the substance at 65 °C and the pressure prescribed using the definitions for design and test pressure in paragraph 6.6.2.1 of the Model Regulations.

6.4 For substances in **CLASS 3, PG I**, substances in **CLASS 3, PG I with a Division 6.1 PG II or III subsidiary risk** and substances in **CLASS 3, PG I with a Class 8 PG II or III subsidiary risk**, the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	6 bar */	6.6.2.4.2	Normal **/	6.6.2.6.3

*/ A higher minimum test pressure may be required depending on the absolute vapour pressure of the substance at 65 °C and the pressure prescribed using the definitions for design and test pressure in paragraphs 6.6.2.1 of the Model Regulations.

**/ Some substances in this category require 6.6.2.8.3.

Note: For Class 3 PG I substances with subsidiary risks which are assigned to n.o.s. entries the guidelines in 6.5 shall be applied.

6.5 For substances in **CLASS 3, PG I with a Division 6.1, PG I subsidiary risk**, and substances in **CLASS 3, PG I with Class 8, PG I subsidiary risk**, the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	6 bar */	6 mm	6.6.2.8.3	NA

*/ A higher minimum test pressure may be used depending on the absolute vapour pressure of the substance at 65 °C and the pressure prescribed using the definitions for design and test pressure in paragraphs 6.6.2.1 of the Model Regulations.

6.6 The following requirements should apply for:

Flammable solids in DIVISION 4.1, PG II and III, Solid substances in DIVISION 4.2, PG II and III, Solid substances in DIVISION 4.3, PG II and III, Solid substances in DIVISION 5.1, PG II and III Solid substances in DIVISION 6.1, PG II and III, Solid substances in CLASS 8, PG II and III Solid substances in CLASS 9, PG II and III

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	1.5 bar	6.6.2.4.2 */	Normal	6.6.2.6.3 **/

*/ Granular or powdered solid substances may be transported in tanks with minimum shell thicknesses of 5 mm in the reference steel regardless of the tank diameter.

**/ All granular or powdered solid substances and some highly viscous or crystallizable substances are permitted to be transported in portable tanks with two serially fitted and mutually independent shut-off devices in accordance with 6.6.2.6.2.

6.7 For **liquid** substances in **DIVISION 4.2, PG I** the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	10 bar	10 mm	Normal	NA

6.8 For substances in **DIVISION 4.3, PG I** with or without subsidiary risks the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	4 bar	6 mm	Normal	NA

Note: There are exceptions where more stringent requirements (minimum test pressure and minimum shell thickness) have been applied on the basis of industry practice (e.g. Metal Alkyls).

6.9 For **solutions of solid oxidizers in DIVISION 5.1, PG II and III**, the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	2.65	6.6.2.4.2	Normal	6.6.2.6.3

6.10 For substances in **DIVISION 5.1, PG II (hydrogen peroxides solutions) with a subsidiary risk of Class 8** the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	4 bar	6.6.2.4.2	Normal */	6.6.2.6.3

*/ Certain substances require a breathing device.

6.11 For substances in **DIVISION 5.1, PG I with subsidiary risk of Class 8** the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	4 bar	6 mm	6.6.2.8.3	NA

6.12 For substances in **DIVISION 5.1, PG I with a Class 8 and a Division 6.1 subsidiary risk** the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	10 bar	10 mm	6.6.2.8.3	NA

6.13 For substances in **DIVISION 5.2, PG II (Type F Organic Peroxides)** and **self-reactive substances, type F, in DIVISION 4.1**, the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	4 bar	6.6.2.4.2	6.6.2.8.2 4.2.1.13.6 4.2.1.13.7 4.2.1.13.8	6.6.2.6.3

Note: Organic peroxides, type F and self-reactive substances, type F, are only permitted in portable tanks when they are listed in Portable Tank Instruction T 34. All others are prohibited unless approved by the competent authority.

6.14 For **liquid** substances in **DIVISION 6.1 PG III** the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	2.65 bar */	6.6.2.4.2	Normal	6.6.2.6.3

*/ A higher minimum test pressure may be used depending on the absolute vapour pressure of the substance at 65 °C and the pressure prescribed using the definitions for design and test pressure in paragraphs 6.6.2.1 of the Model Regulations.

- 6.15 For liquid substances in **DIVISION 6.1 PG II with or without subsidiary risks** the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	4 bar */	6.6.2.4.2	Normal	6.6.2.6.3

*/ A higher minimum test pressure may be required depending on the absolute vapour pressure of the substance at 65 °C and the pressure prescribed using the definitions for design and test pressure in paragraphs 6.6.2.1 of the Model Regulations.

- 6.16 For substances in **DIVISION 6.1 PG I (non-inhalation hazard) with or without subsidiary risks** the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	6 bar */	6 mm	6.6.2.8.3	NA

*/ A higher minimum test pressure may be required depending on the absolute vapour pressure of the substance at 65 °C and the pressure prescribed using the definitions for design and test pressure in paragraphs 6.6.2.1 of the Model Regulations.

Note: Higher minimum test pressure and higher minimum thickness requirements should be considered for Division 6.1 substances that are classified as toxic on the basis of an inhalation hazard at the PG I level.

- 6.17 Class 7 assignments are not dealt with in this document.

- 6.18 For **liquid** substances in **CLASS 8 PG III** the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	2.65 bar */	6.6.2.4.2	Normal	6.6.2.6.3

*/ A higher minimum test pressure may be required depending on the absolute vapour pressure of the substance at 65 °C and the pressure prescribed using the definitions for design and test pressure in paragraphs 6.6.2.1 of the Model Regulations.

6.19 For **liquid** substances in **CLASS 8 PG II with or without a subsidiary risk** the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	4 bar */	6.6.2.4.2	Normal	6.6.2.6.3

*/ A higher minimum test pressure may be required depending on the absolute vapour pressure of the substance at 65 °C and the pressure prescribed using the definitions for design and test pressure in paragraphs 6.6.2.1 of the Model Regulations.

6.20 For **liquid** substances in **CLASS 8 PG I with or without a subsidiary risk** the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	4 bar	6 mm	6.6.2.8.3	NA

6.21 For **liquid** substances in **CLASS 9**, the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	1.5 bar */	6.6.2.4.2	Normal	6.6.2.6.3

*/ A higher minimum test pressure may be required depending on the absolute vapour pressure of the substance at 65 °C and the pressure prescribed using the definitions for design and test pressure in paragraphs 6.6.2.1 of the Model Regulations.

6.22 For **elevated temperature substances** in **CLASS 9** the following requirements should apply:

Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure	Minimum shell thickness	Pressure relief device	Bottom openings
	1.5 bar */	6.6.2.4.2	Normal	6.6.2.6.2

*/ A higher minimum test pressure may be required depending on the absolute vapour pressure of the substance at 65 °C and the pressure prescribed using the definitions for design and test pressure in paragraphs 6.6.2.1 of the Model Regulations.
