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PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B OF ADR

Marking of the tank code for tank-vehicles in 6.8.3.5.6

Transmitted by the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN)

At the November 2001 session of the Working Party, CEN presented as INF.23 the proposal reproduced herafter.

At the May 2001 session of the Joint Meeting, CEN presented INF.17 with two proposals.

The first proposal to make reference to EN 12972: 2001 (except the annexes on markings) in 6.8.2.6 was adopted.

The second proposal aimed at aligning the requirements for the markings of the tank-code for tank-vehicles of class 2 with those for the other classes. The tank code is prescribed in 6.8.2.5.2 on the nameplate for tank-containers only for goods of classes 3 to 9 and for both tank-vehicles and tank-containers in 6.8.3.5.6 for goods of Class 2.

Proposal

CEN proposes that the requirement for marking of the tank code in 6.8.3.5.6 be aligned with the requirement in 6.8.2.5.2 by creating two columns in 6.8.3.5.6 a) and move the requirements for the tank code to the right side; the requirement for the inscription of the minimum temperature stays across the two columns.

CEN was asked to transmit this proposal to WP15 since it concerned ADR only (item 126 of TRANS/WP15/AC1/84)."

This proposal was not adopted and put forward to the following meeting because the delegate of Sweden thought that this difference of treatment between tanks of class 2 and tanks for the other classes had been made on purpose. CEN could not find any records that could substantiate this opinion and all delegates interviewed are of the opinion that the marking of the tank code was introduced at the very last moment in 6.8.2.5.2 and the impact in 6.8.3.5.6 was omitted.
