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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN* **

Safety of gas cartridges

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SUMMARY

Summary: The purpose of the present document is to improve the consistency of the provisions concerning pressure receptacles.

Action to be taken: In paragraph 1.2.1, "Definitions", amend the definition of "gas cartridge".

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Introduction

1. In paragraph 1.2.1, “Definitions”, the following definition of “gas cartridge” is provided: “any non-refillable receptacle containing, under pressure, a gas or a mixture of gases. It may be fitted with a valve”. This definition is incorrect because not all non-refillable pressure receptacles are gas cartridges. We therefore propose that it be amended as follows.

Proposal

6. Amend, in paragraph 1.2.1, “Definitions”, the definition of “gas cartridge” as follows:

“‘*Gas cartridge*’ means ~~any~~ a non-refillable receptacle containing, under pressure, a gas or a mixture of gases. It may be fitted with a valve.”

Justification

3. Safety: the aim is to clarify the wording; consequently, there is no safety issue.
4. Feasibility: the aim is to clarify the wording; consequently, there is no feasibility issue.
5. Enforceability: the aim is to clarify the wording; consequently, there is no enforceability issue.
