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TANKS

Chapters 4.2, 4.3 and 6.8: Hierarchy of tanks and special provisions

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The RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting 2004 discussed at its September 2004 session proposal TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2004/12, submitted by the UIC/IUR and came to the conclusion, that the special tank provisions listed in subsection 4.2.5.3, and in sections 4.3.5 and 6.8.4 are also applicable to tank types permitted for the same substances, but higher in the hierarchy, according to 4.2.5.2.5, 4.3.3.1.2 and 4.3.4.1.2. This means, that the special provision is linked to the substance, mentioned in column (2) of the same line in Table A, and not to the tank instruction in column (10) or the tank code in column (12).

The Joint Meeting asked the representative of the UIC/IUR to propose an explanatory text for the Notes for each column in section 3.2.1.

It should be noted, however, that certain special provisions, applicable to a tank type lower in the hierarchy, cannot be applied for technical reasons to a tank type, higher in the hierarchy, e.g. special provisions for tanks with bottom loading cannot be applied to tanks with top loading.

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Proposal

The UIC, therefore, proposes to add the following sentence to the text in section 3.2.1, column (11):

“These special requirements are also applicable, as far as technically relevant, to portable tank instructions, other than specified in column (10), according to the table in 4.2.5.2.5.”

Equally the following sentence should be added to the text in section 3.2.1, column (13):

“These special requirements are also applicable, as far as technically relevant, to tanks, other than specified in column (12), according to the hierarchy in 4.3.3.1.2. and 4.3.4.1.2.”
