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INTERPRETATION OF RID/ADR/ADN

Interpretation of 6.8.2.1.7

Transmitted by the Government of France

New requirements about the equipment of shells with vacuum valves have been introduced in 6.8.2.1.7 of the RID/ADR 2003.

Because these requirements appear in section 6.8.2, they apply to all tanks including vacuum isolated tanks intended for refrigerated liquefied gases.

Such equipment does not seem relevant for this kind of tanks which are equipped with a safety device protecting the inner vessel in case of a leak of liquid in the inner space. And it appears that it is not required in other countries.

The Government of France would like to know the opinion of the Joint Meeting.

This question could be considered by the Tank Working Group.