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TANKS

Comments of Belgium on document INF.18

The proposal from France, contained in INF. 18, has far-reaching consequences on the new system that has been developed for the construction and testing of RID/ADR tanks. It is therefore extremely regrettable that this fairly simple text was not available earlier. It was under these circumstances impossible to have a preparatory discussion on its contents at a national level with all parties involved, not in the least with the expert that will represent our country at the tank working group. Belgium therefore requests a thorough discussion of INF. 18 in plenary.

It should not be forgotten that the postponement of the mandatory application of EN 14025 and EN 13094 simply means that the use of national technical codes for the construction of tanks will continue, the consequences of which I can not fully assess at this short notice. The introduction of 1.8.6 and 1.8.7 for tanks would certainly not make much sense, and the possible conflicts with the TPED Directive should be carefully looked upon (where EU member states and gas tanks are concerned).
