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REPORTS OF INFORMAL WORKING GROUPS ^{*/ **/}

Working group on periodicity of testing of cylinders

Submitted by the Government of Germany on behalf of the Working Group

Background

1. At the March 2008 session of the Joint Meeting, the Government of Germany presented informal document INF.15 containing the report of the meeting of the informal Working Group on periodicity of testing of cylinders, which met in Krefeld (Germany) on 9 and 10 January 2008. The report was discussed in the Joint Meeting and it was agreed that the Working Group should continue its work in concentrating first on the extension of the period of testing for

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welded steel cylinders for LPG to harmonise provisions of packing instruction P 200 (10) v (see report of the Joint Meeting held in march 2008, TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/110, paras. 36 to 40).

Information

2. The Working Group met again on 11 and 12 June 2008 in Muenster (Germany) and continued the discussion. Delegates from France, Germany, Switzerland and the United Kingdom and from the international non governmental organisations AEGPL and EIGA attended the meeting. Written comments from Belgium and Sweden were received prior to the meeting.

3. Agreement was achieved on the most appropriate option to pursue and on many requirements found necessary to obtain a harmonised and safe system, which can be applied within RID/ADR/ADN. However there are still some details left for discussion and agreement on a solution. Also the wording of the changes to RID/ADR/ADN to be proposed to the Joint Meeting for adoption still could not be finalised. Therefore the Working Group provisionally agreed to held another meeting on 17 and 18 December 2008. It is intended to present a final proposal to the Joint Meeting for its session in March 2009.

4. The Working Group agreed to submit this document to the Joint Meeting in September 2008. The full report of the Working Group will follow as an informal document in due course after having been agreed by the Working Group by written procedure.

Action to be taken

5. The Joint Meeting is invited to take note of the report of the Working Group and the progress made and to endorse the continuing work with an aim to submit a final proposal to the Joint Meeting in March 2009.

6. The solution under development in the Working Group is likely to contain provisions for three areas:

- design and construction of cylinders;
- filling centres and operations including QS systems and responsibilities;
- (re-)qualification and testing of cylinders at the 15 year interval.

7. As such provisions in RID/ADR/ADN are usually located in different chapters and sections including P 200, the Working Group agreed to present this point to the Joint Meeting as an issue for consideration and advice, where to most appropriately insert such provisions. Further details for discussion will be included in the final report of the Working Group as indicated above.
