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Consequential amendments to 4.3.1.3 and 6.8.1.3 of RID/ADR/ADN

Transmitted by the Government of Romania

1. In the 2011 edition of RID/ADR/AND, the following definitions in Chapter 1.2 were amended:

"Battery-vehicle" means a vehicle containing elements which are linked to each other by a manifold and permanently fixed to a transport unit. The following elements are considered to be elements of a battery-vehicle: cylinders, tubes, bundles of cylinders (also known as frames), pressure drums as well as tanks destined for the carriage of gases of Class 2 gases as defined in 2.2.2.1.1 with a capacity of more than 450 litres;

"Multiple-element gas container" (MEGC) means a unit containing elements which are linked to each other by a manifold and mounted on a frame. The following elements are considered to be elements of a multiple-element gas container: cylinders, tubes, pressure drums and bundles of cylinders as well as tanks for the carriage of gases of Class 2-gases as defined in 2.2.2.1.1 having a capacity of more than 450 litres.

The same amendment was adopted for the definition of the "battery-wagon" in RID.

2. There were some consequential amendments that were not identified.

Proposal

- 3. In subsection 4.3.1.3, replace "gases of Class 2" with "gases as defined in 2.2.2.1.1".
 - "4.3.1.3 Section 4.3.2 lists the provisions applicable to fixed tanks (tank-vehicles), demountable tanks, tank-containers and tank swap bodies, intended for the carriage of substances of all classes, and to battery-vehicles and MEGCs intended for the carriage of gases of Class 2-gases as defined in 2.2.2.1.1. Sections 4.3.3 and 4.3.4 contain special provisions adding to or amending the provisions of Section 4.3.2."

- 4. In subsection 6.8.1.3, replace "gases of Class 2" with "gases as defined in 2.2.2.1.1".
 - "6.8.1.3 Section 6.8.2 sets out the requirements applicable to fixed tanks (tank-vehicles), to demountable tanks, tank-containers, tank swap bodies intended for the carriage of substances of all classes and battery-vehicles and MEGCs for gases of Class 2 gases as defined in 2.2.2.1.1. Sections 6.8.3 to 6.8.5 contain special requirements supplementing or modifying the requirements of section 6.8.2."
- 5. The Government of Romania asks the RID/ADR/ADN Joint meeting to consider the possibility of making the change of the set phrase "gases of Class 2" with "gases as defined in 2.2.2.1.1" in other paragraphs (e.g. 6.7.1.1, 6.7.3.1 etc.) of RID/ADR/ADN.