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Request for advice from the Working Group on Tanks

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1. At the Joint Meeting in March 2015, the Working Group on Standards considered whether to include the standard EN 16522:2014 ‘Tanks for transport of dangerous goods – Service equipment for tanks - Flame arresters for breather devices’ in the table of 6.8.2.6.1 of ADR (only).
2. Two issues prevented a decision being reached.
 - (a) EN 16522 has very little technical content and simply describes which requirements of ISO 16852 apply and in what circumstances plus the marking requirements. Is the value added by this standard sufficient to merit a reference in the ADR?
 - (b) The Working Group on Standards also was uncertain whether the standard was technically correct.
3. Therefore, a decision was deferred and it was decided to ask the Working Group on Tanks to give an opinion on both these points.
4. Confirmation of this request may be found in paragraph 21 of the report of the Joint Meeting in March (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/138) and the final paragraph of INF.48 of the spring 2015 session.
5. Unfortunately as the standards had not been received by members of the Working Group on Tanks for the autumn 2015 session, discussion on this matter was deferred to the March 2016 Joint Meeting (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/140/Add.2 paragraph 33).
6. EN 16522 and ISO 16852 + Corr.1 + Corr.2 have been sent out to members of the Working Group on Tanks by the CEN Programme Manager as part of the 3 dispatches for the Joint Meeting Working Group on Standards. These are to be found in a specific new folder for the Working Group on Tanks:

<http://cen.iso.org/livelihood/livelihood?func=ll&objId=7910111&objAction=browse&viewType=1>
