UNITED NATIONS



Economic and Social Council

Distr. GENERAL

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/38 24 June 2002

ENGLISH

Original: FRENCH

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Geneva, 9-13 September 2002)

CHAPTER 6.8

TANKS FOR THE CARRIAGE OF ETHANOL

Transmitted by the Government of France*

SUMMARY

Executive summary: The purpose of this proposal is to authorize the replacement of the internal

stop-valve by an external stop-valve for tanks intended for the carriage of

ethanol, UN No. 1170.

Action to be taken: Inclusion of a TE special provision in 6.8.4.

The multilateral agreements M76 and 77 signed by nine countries authorize the replacement of the internal stop-valve by an external stop-valve providing additional protection in tanks intended for the carriage of ethanol, UN No. 12170.

GE.02-22420 (E) 090702 090702

^{*} Circulated by the Central Office for International Carriage by Rail (OCTI) under the symbol OCTI/RID/GT-III/2002/38.

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/38 page 2

This possibility provides a solution for the difficulties encountered by companies specializing in the alternate carriage of ethanol of Class 3 and foodstuffs in connection with the closing devices of bottom-discharge tanks and in particular the clogging of the internal stop-valve.

It is proposed that this possibility should be included in Chapter 6.8 of RID/ADR in the form of a special provision for items of equipment.

Proposal

In 6.8.4, add the following special provision TE22:

"TE22 The internal stop-valve may be replaced by an external stop-valve providing additional protection."

In Table A of Chapter 3.2, UN No. 1170, insert "TE22" in column (13).
