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Period of validity of type approvals and transitional measures for standards

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Note by the secretariat

Text of 1.8.7.2.4 (new text in bold):

“1.8.7.2.4 The type approval shall be valid for a maximum of ten years. If within that period the relevant technical requirements of RID/ADR (including referenced standards) have changed so that the approved type is no longer in conformity with them, the relevant body which issued the type approval shall withdraw it and inform the holder of the type approval.

NOTE: For the ultimate dates for withdrawal of existing type approvals, see column 5 of the tables in 6.2.4 and 6.8.2.6 or 6.8.3.6 as appropriate.

If a type approval has expired or has been withdrawn, the manufacture of the pressure receptacles, tanks, battery-wagons/vehicles or MEGCs according to that type approval is no longer authorised.

In such a case, the relevant provisions concerning the use of pressure receptacles, tanks, battery-wagons/vehicles or MEGCs contained in the type approval which has expired or has been withdrawn shall continue to apply to these pressure receptacles, tanks, battery-wagons/vehicles or MEGCs constructed before the expiry or the withdrawal if they may continue to be used.

Type approvals may be renewed by a complete review and assessment for conformity with the provisions of RID/ADR applicable at the date of renewal. Renewal is not permitted after a type approval has been withdrawn. Interim amendments of an existing type approval (e.g. for pressure receptacles minor amendments such as the addition of further sizes or volumes not affecting conformity, or for tanks see 6.8.2.3.2) do not extend or modify the original validity of the certificate.

NOTE: The review and assessment of conformity can be done by a body other than the one which issued the original type approval.

The issuing body shall keep all documents for the type approval (see 1.8.7.7.1) for the whole period of validity including its renewals if granted.”.

Text of 6.8.2.3.3 (new text in bold):

“6.8.2.3.3 The following requirements apply to tanks for which special provision TA4 of 6.8.4 (and therefore 1.8.7.2.4) does not apply.

The type approval shall be valid for a maximum of ten years. If within that period the relevant technical requirements of RID/ADR (including referenced standards) have changed so that the approved type is no longer in conformity with them, the competent authority or the body designated by that authority which issued the type approval shall withdraw it and inform the holder of the type approval.

NOTE: For the ultimate dates for withdrawal of existing type approvals, see column (5) of the tables in 6.8.2.6 or 6.8.3.6 as appropriate.

If a type approval has expired or has been withdrawn, the manufacture of the tanks, battery-wagons/vehicles or MEGCs according to that type approval is no longer authorised.

In such a case, the relevant provisions concerning the use of tanks, battery-wagons/vehicles or MEGCs contained in the type approval which has expired or has been withdrawn shall continue to apply to these tanks, battery-wagons/vehicles or MEGCs constructed before the expiry or the withdrawal if they may continue to be used.

Type approvals may be renewed by a complete review and assessment for conformity with the provisions of RID/ADR applicable at the date of renewal. Renewal is not permitted after a type approval has been withdrawn. Interim amendments of an existing type approval not affecting conformity (see 6.8.2.3.2) do not extend or modify the original validity of the certificate.

NOTE: The review and assessment of conformity can be done by a body other than the one which issued the original type approval.

The issuing body shall keep all documents for the type approval for the whole period of validity including its renewals if granted.

If the designation of the issuing body is revoked or restricted, or when the body has ceased activity, the competent authority shall take appropriate steps to ensure that the files are either processed by another body or kept available.”
