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Additional document related to INF. 12 Heavy fuel oil (EUROPIA)

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Introduction

- In Informal Document 12 the classification issues concerning heavy fuel oil are discussed in light of the publication of the CONCAWE Chemical Safety Report, where the classification as UN 3082 is implied as a result of the attribution of risk phrases R50/53 (H410).
- In light of this issue an additional question arose in Belgium concerning the classification of fuel and heating oil grades in accordance with 2.2.3.1.1 of ADR/RID.
- 3. Note 2 of 2.2.3.1.1 of ADR/RID states that diesel fuel, gasoil, heating oil (light) having a flash point above 60°C and not more than 100°C shall be deemed substances of Class 3, UN 1202.
- 4. It is not clear however, when a heating oil with the above mentioned flash point range is considered to be "light", in spite of the fact that this leads to a different classification under either UN 1202 or possibly UN 3082, in absence of a definition or standard.

Proposal

5. The Joint Meeting is invited to consider and discuss the above mentioned question, in light of the discussion on INF.12 or separately, and decide on an appropriate way to tackle the issue.

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