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#### Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

##### Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

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##### Reports of informal working groups

### Carriage of pressure receptacles approved by the Department of Transportation of the United States of America (DOT)

Transmitted by the European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA)\*, \*\*

#### *Summary*

**Executive summary:** Following the drafting of a new Multilateral Agreement M318 new draft text is presented for consideration by the Joint Meeting for inclusion into the RID/ADR.

**Action to be taken:** To note the progress to date and proposed further actions.

#### **Introduction**

1. ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2019/14 was presented at the Spring 2019 Joint Meeting. It summarised the report of an informal meeting that had been held at the Autumn 2018 Joint Meeting. It proposed to amend the text of RID/ADR to allow the carriage of pressure receptacles approved by the Department of Transportation of the United States of America (DOT).

2. At the Spring 2019 Joint Meeting, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2019/14 was discussed and the text was further developed to prepare a new Multilateral Agreement to replace MLA 299 that was due to expire at the beginning of June 2019. This resulted in two informal papers INF.38 and INF.38/Rev.1. INF.38/Rev.1 became the basis for M318 *Carriage of pressure*

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*receptacles authorized by the United States of America Department of Transportation in relation to 1.1.4.2*

3. Based on Multilateral Agreement M318, EIGA is proposing a new text for the RID/ADR.

4. EIGA recognises that delegates to the Joint Meeting may wish to see the text that is being proposed for inclusion in the Code of Federal Regulations, and EIGA hopes that for the September 2019 Meeting this will be able to be advised in an informal paper.

## **Proposal**

5. Based on the Multilateral Agreement M318, the draft text proposed is, (new text in italics):

### ***“1.1.4.6 Refillable pressure receptacles authorized by the United States of America Department of Transportation***

#### ***1.1.4.6.1 Import***

*Refillable pressure receptacles authorized by the United States of America Department of Transportation and constructed and tested in accordance with Part 178, Specifications for Packagings of Title 49, Transportation, of the Code of Federal Regulations accepted for carriage in a transport chain in accordance with 1.1.4.2 may be carried from the location of the temporary storage at the end point of the transport chain to the end user.*

*The consignor for the RID/ADR carriage shall include the following entry in the transport document:*

*“Carriage in accordance with 1.1.4.6”*

#### ***1.1.4.6.2 Export of gases and empty uncleaned pressure receptacles***

*Refillable pressure receptacles authorized by the United States of America Department of Transportation and constructed in accordance with standards listed in Part 178, Specifications for Packagings of Title 49, Transportation, of the Code of Federal Regulations may be carried only for the purpose of exporting to countries which are not Contracting States/Parties of RID/ADR provided the following provisions are met:*

- (a) The filling of the pressure receptacle is in accordance with the relevant requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations of the United States of America.*
- (b) The pressure receptacles shall be marked and labelled in accordance with Chapter 5.2 of RID/ADR.*
- (c) The consignor for the RID/ADR/ADN carriage shall include the following entry in the transport document:*

*“Carriage in accordance with 1.1.4.6”.*”

## **Further Actions**

6. EIGA continues to work with both the United States Department of Transportation and the Compressed Gas Association of the United States to progress the “Petition for Rule Making” to amend the Code of Federal Regulations to permit similar carriage conditions to European cylinders to enter the United States. It is recognised that delegates to the Joint Meeting may wish to see the proposed text placed in square brackets until the Code of Federal Regulations are amended.