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Item 2 of the provisional agenda:

Tanks

6.8.2.5.1 RID/ADR - date and type of the most recent inspection: "month, year" on the tank plate

Transmitted by the Government of Poland

Introduction

1. 6.8.2.5.1 of RID/ADR requires that date and type of the most recent inspection: "month, year" be placed on the tank plate.
2. This provision states that the entered year should contain 4 digits. The record "month and year" should look like this: "mm/yyyy", i.e., for example, the month and year should be written in the form: 03/2023.
3. In practice, this requirement is not observed and the month and the last two digits of the year are often entered, e.g. in the form: 03/23.
4. It would be advisable to introduce a wording that would eliminate any interpretation of this provision.
5. In the opinion of Poland, the current provision requires the following form: mm/yyyy.
6. In our opinion, 3 variants can be considered.

1st variant

7. Keep the record in the current form, specifying "month and year".
8. This entry would be in the form (deleted words ~~crossed out~~, replacement words **in bold and underlined**):

“- date and type of the most recent inspection: ~~"month, year"~~ **"month/year (mm/yyyy)"** followed by a "P" when the inspection is the initial inspection or a periodic inspection in accordance with 6.8.2.4.1 and 6.8.2.4.2, or ~~"month, year"~~ **"month/year (mm/yyyy)"** followed by an "L" when the inspection is an intermediate inspection in accordance with 6.8.2.4.3;”

2nd variant

9. Change the existing entry by replacing "month, year" with "month/year (last two digits of the year)".
10. This entry would be in the following form (deleted words ~~crossed out~~, replacement words **in bold and underlined**):

“- date and type of the most recent inspection: ~~"month, year"~~ **"month/year (last two digits of the year)"** followed by a "P" when the inspection is the initial inspection or a periodic inspection in accordance with 6.8.2.4.1 and 6.8.2.4.2, or ~~"month, year"~~

"month/year (last two digits of the year)" followed by an "L" when the inspection is an intermediate inspection in accordance with 6.8.2.4.3;"

3rd variant

11. Accept the entry in both 1st and 2nd variant.
12. This entry would be in the form (words added **in bold and underlined**):
“- date and type of the most recent inspection: "month, year" followed by a "P" when the inspection is the initial inspection or a periodic inspection in accordance with 6.8.2.4.1 and 6.8.2.4.2, or "month, year" followed by an "L" when the inspection is an intermediate inspection in accordance with 6.8.2.4.3 **(four or only the last two digits of the year may be given)**;"
13. Poland believes that the solution provided in 3rd variant would be optimal and would legalize the actions occurring in practice.

Action

14. Poland asks the Joint Meeting for an opinion on this matter.
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