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MARGINAL 212/2212 or 201a/2201a

BOTTLES FOR BREATHING APPARATUS

Transmitted by the European Commission\*

1. Bottles specially designed for breathing apparatus are explicitly included in the scope of Directive 97/23/EC concerning pressure equipment (see article 3, paragraph 1.1 (a)).
2. In order to ensure consistency between this Directive, RID and the Annexes to ADR, an explicit reference to the technical requirements of the Directive in respect of bottles for breathing apparatus should be added to the end of paragraph (1) of marginal 212/2212.
3. However, if this initial option was not accepted, a second possible solution would consist in including bottles for breathing apparatus in marginal 201a/2201a for small quantities, as has been done for extinguishers.

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4. Of these two possible solutions the Commission prefers the first for the following reason: this solution would mean that the requirements of RID and the Annexes to ADR concerning periodic inspections would continue to be applicable to bottles for breathing apparatus.

Proposal

First option

Marginal 212/2212

Paragraph (1)

Add the following subparagraph at the end:

"- for bottles specially designed for breathing apparatus: Annex I to Directive 97/23/EC(8)."

and the following footnote 8:

"8/ Directive 97/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 May 1997 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning pressure equipment, published in the Official Journal of the European Communities No.L 181 of 9 July 1997."

Second option

Marginal 201a/2201a

Paragraph (2)

Add a new paragraph at the end of paragraph (2):

"(1) Bottles specially designed for breathing apparatus, manufactured and filled in accordance with the regulations applied by the manufacturing State, and placed in solid outer packagings adapted to their carriage."

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