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**RID: Exchange of experiences for recognized experts in accordance with paragraph
6.8.2.4.6 of RID
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Subject: Items of equipment – test and approval procedure for tanks

Proposed topic for discussion transmitted by Germany

The problem

In RID, performing the test on fittings is only dealt with in a general way and not conclusively. This raises the following questions:

- Who is responsible for the test?
- How is the matter dealt with if no relevant standard concerning the item of equipment used is listed in RID 6.8.2.6?
- Is a certificate in accordance with Directive 97/23/EC (PED) sufficient?

Discussion/proposed solution

RID and the relevant standard – if available and referred to in 6.8.2.6 – must in any case be observed.

- Only an expert who is also responsible for the tank design type test should be able to carry out the design type or prototype test.

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- If not already covered in the standard, experts must at the same time lay down the requirements for the series test in order to ensure that all items of equipment correspond to the design type that has been tested and approved.
 - If the standard requires a marking which implies that the standard can be inferred, this constitutes confirmation of conformity with this standard. In addition, the testing centre issues an appropriate certificate that serves as a document for the approval body and can be included in the tank documentation.
 - A certificate based on Directive 97/23/EC (PED) alone is not sufficient. It must also be checked whether the requirements of RID have been observed.
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