

L-NGV REGULATORY UPDATE (LNG Task Force)

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**Informal Group on
Gaseous Fuelled Vehicles
(GFV-29)
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Amendments to ADR Regulations

Purpose: Advocate for a change in ADR regulations that prevent LNG vehicles from being ADR-certified

- ADR regulations provide an exemption related to the carriage of gases so long as the gas is used for propulsion or operating on-board equipment.

Annex A: 1.1.3.2 Exemptions related to the carriage of gases

The provision laid down in ADR do not apply to the carriage of:

Gases contained in the tanks of a vehicle, performing a transport operation and destined for its propulsion or for the operation of any of its equipment (e.g. refrigerating equipment)

- On the other hand, another provision in the regulation related to fuel leaks specifies that the leaked fuel should drain to the ground. Unlike methane at ambient temperature, which is lighter than air, LNG (below -112) is heavier than air and upon release from a container eventually fully vaporises through heat transfer with the air and the surroundings.

*Annex A: 9.2.4.3 **Fuel tanks** : The fuel tanks for supplying the engine of the vehicle shall meet the following requirements:*

In the event of any leakage, the fuel shall drain to the ground without coming into contact with hot parts of the vehicle or the load;

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- Consideration for amendments occur bi-annually with next iteration due January 2015.
Amendments must be completed by May 2012!!
- 6 November 2013 presentations to WP15
 - NGV Global on world markets for LNG trucks
 - KIWA on LNG safety
- Formal document with amendment language due 7th February

New ADR Considerations

- (a) In the event of any leakage *in the normal operating conditions of the vehicle*, the fuel shall drain to the ground *or disperse* without coming into contact with hot parts [*above the auto ignition temperature of the fuel*] of the vehicle or the load.

(Auto ignition temperature of diesel is +/- 210° C; methane is +/- 570°C)

- Is a new definition of LNG as a propulsion fuel also needed?

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- **Preventing LNG fuel downstream of the vaporizer...*(also finally included CNG)***

18.14 "A safety system shall be provided so components downstream of the regulator shall not be exposed to pressures higher than designed. For a vehicle operating on LNG a further safety system shall be provided so that components downstream from the vaporizer shall not be exposed to temperatures lower than designed."



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- **Minimum height of LNG tank mounted on the truck: *language being debated***

18.4.3. When the vehicle is ready for use the fuel container and/or tank shall not be less than 200 mm above the road surface **and the container and/or tank shall not touch the ground if any tire or tires are deflated.**

18.4.3.3 For vehicles that have “kneeling” or variable suspension height, the fuel cylinder and/or tank shall not touch the ground in the kneeling or lowest suspension position.



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