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**Subject:** Standards referenced in ADR**Question:** Are the standards referenced in ADR mandatory ?**Answer:** Two case shall be considered :

1) For the equipment of class 2, the standards referenced in ADR are introduced with the following sentence : "the requirements of this paragraph are deemed to be met if the requirements of the following standards are complied with:" This sentence corresponds to a new approach type, for which the standards are only a possible mean of proof.

One shall notice that paragraph 6.4 of directive 94/55 gives the possibility to the Member States to keep until 01/01/2001, their national regulations whe there are no standards with regulatory force. This concept gives an ambiguity. The initial idea was to have mandatory standards, but they stay of voluntary application for the equipment of class 2.

2) For the tank, the situation is different. For the time being in France, the standards are mandatory. The requirements of ADR on tanks are very precise.

Furthermore, in ADR, it is envisaged to replace the requirements of ADR by standards, which would on a logic basic become of mandatory application.