

ANNEX 5

PROCEDURES FOR THE APPROVAL OF CONTAINERS COMPLYING WITH THE TECHNICAL CONDITIONS PRESCRIBED IN ANNEX 4

*General*

1. Containers may be approved for the transport of goods under Customs seal either:

- (a) at the manufacturing stage, by design type (procedure for approval at the manufacturing stage); or
- (b) at a stage subsequent to manufacture, either individually or in respect of a specified number of containers of the same type (procedure for approval at a stage subsequent to manufacture).

*Provisions common to both approval procedures*

2. The competent authority responsible for granting approval shall issue to the applicant, after approval, a certificate of approval valid, as the case may be, either for an unlimited series of containers of the approved type or for a specified number of containers.

3. The beneficiary of approval shall affix an approval plate to the approved container or containers before their use for the transport of goods under Customs seal.

4. The approval plate shall be affixed permanently and in a clearly visible place adjacent to any other approval plate issued for official purposes.

5. The approval plate, conforming to model No. 1 reproduced in appendix 1 to this Annex, shall take the form of a metal plate measuring not less than 20 cm by 10 cm. The following particulars shall be stamped into or embossed on the plate or indicated on its surface in any other permanent and legible way, in at least the English or the French language:

- (a) the words "Approved for transport under Customs seal";
- (b) an indication of the country in which approval was granted either by name or by means of the distinguishing sign used to indicate the country of registration of motor vehicles in international road traffic, and the number (figures, letters, etc.) of the certificate of approval and the year of approval (e.g. "NL/26/73" means "Netherlands, certificate of approval No. 26, issued in 1973");
- (c) the serial number assigned to the container by the manufacturer (manufacturer's number);
- (d) if the container has been approved by type, the identification numbers or letters of the type of container.