

affix to every container of the type series an approval plate in the form prescribed in paragraph 5 of this Annex.

*Special provisions for approval at a stage subsequent to manufacture*

15. If approval has not been applied for at the manufacturing stage, the owner, the operator, or the representative of either, may apply for approval to the competent authority to which he is able to produce the container or containers and for which he seeks approval.

16. An application for approval submitted under paragraph 15 of this Annex shall state the serial number (manufacturer's number) placed on each container by the manufacturer.

17. When the competent authority has ascertained that the container or containers comply with the technical conditions prescribed in Annex 4, by examination of as many containers as it considers necessary, it shall issue a certificate or approval conforming to model No. III reproduced in appendix 3 to this Annex and valid solely for the number of containers approved. Such certificate, which shall bear the manufacturer's serial number or numbers assigned to the container or containers to which it relates, shall entitle the applicant to affix to each container so approved the approval plate prescribed in paragraph 5 of this Annex.