# Guidance for application for a tank to be added to Annex 1 of Competent Authority Exemption 03/2024

The purpose of Competent Authority [Exemption 03/2024](https://www.hsa.ie/eng/your_industry/adr_-_carriage_of_dangerous_goods_by_road/competent_authority_functions/ca_exemptions/caexemption03of2024_signed_15feb2024.pdf) is to permit the continued use of tanks that were designed and constructed, such that at the time of manufacture, the material thickness of the tank shell, partitions, or surge plates, was less than the minimum thickness required by ADR 6.8.2.1.18 to 6.8.2.1.21.

The continued use of the tanks relevant to this exemption will be based on receipt by the competent authority of a report of assessment, prepared by an inspection body accredited to perform the activities of type approval and initial inspection and test of tanks in accordance with ADR Chapter 6.8. The report of assessment shall confirm that the measured thicknesses continue to be within the original material manufacturing tolerances of EN10025[[1]](#footnote-2), indicating that no material wastage, erosion or corrosion has taken place to the tank shell during operation.

Thereafter, at the time of each periodic and intermediate inspection of the tank, a suitably accredited inspection body shall issue a certificate of exceptional inspection, which shall record the shell thickness at the time of inspection (at multiple locations if required). The inspection body shall certify the tank only if there is no indication or evidence of wastage, erosion or corrosion of the tank.

In order to make an application to add a tank to [Annex 1](https://www.hsa.ie/eng/your_industry/adr_-_carriage_of_dangerous_goods_by_road/competent_authority_functions/ca_exemptions/annex1caexemption03of2024_signed_15feb2024.pdf) of CA Exemption 03/2024, please complete the standard [form of application](https://www.hsa.ie/eng/your_industry/adr_-_carriage_of_dangerous_goods_by_road/competent_authority_functions/ca_exemptions/hsa_application_for_authorisations.pdf) for exemptions. The supporting documentation and certificates issued by a suitably accredited inspection body must indicate that safety is not otherwise compromised, and that all other provisions of the ADR have been met.

Applications should include, as a minimum, the following information and supporting documentation relating to the tank:

* Tank serial number
* Type approval number
* Materials of construction
* Date of manufacture
* ADR tank code
* Dangerous goods approved for carriage
* Date of registration of the tank in Ireland
* Length of time the tank has been in service

Supporting documentation:

* Certificate of type approval and initial inspection and test.
* Report of assessment, prepared by an inspection body accredited to perform the activities of type approval and initial inspection and test of tanks in accordance with ADR Chapter 6.8. The report of assessment shall confirm that the measured thicknesses continue to be within the original material manufacturing tolerances of EN10025, indicating that no material wastage, erosion or corrosion has taken place to the tank shell during operation.
* Most recent certificates of periodic and intermediate inspection.

Supplementary information if available:

* If applicable, any report describing any corrosion or localised thinning of the tank shell, surge plates or baffles.
* If applicable, additional safety measures recommended by the inspection body (e.g., increased frequency of inspections).

Note: This exemption is applicable to tanks designed and constructed with a shell, partition or surge plate thickness below ADR requirements, and not for tanks which have had a reduction in material thickness during operation.

1. EN10025 – series of European standards for structural steel products. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)