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(d) Any person who performs a function prescribed in this part, shall perform that function in accordance with this part.

(e) When this part requires a tank to be marked with a DOT specification (for example, DOT-105A100W), compliance with that requirement is the responsibility of the tank builder. Marking the tank with the DOT specification shall be understood to certify compliance by the builder that the functions performed by the builder, as prescribed in this part, have been performed in compliance with this part.

(f) The tank builder should inform each person to whom that tank is transferred of any specification requirements which have not been met at time of transfer.

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§ 179.2 Definitions and abbreviations.

(a) The following apply in part 179:

(1) *AAR* means Association of American Railroads.

(2) *Approved* means approval by the AAR Tank Car Committee.

(3) *ASTM* means American Society for Testing and Materials.

(4) [Reserved]

(5) Definitions in part 173 of this chapter also apply.

(6) *F* means degrees Fahrenheit.

(7) *NGT* means National Gas Taper Threads.

(8) *NPT* means American Standard Taper Pipe Thread.

(9) [Reserved]

(10) *Tank car facility* means an entity that manufactures, repairs, inspects, tests, qualifies, or maintains a tank car to ensure that the tank car conforms to this part and subpart F of part 180 of this subchapter, that alters the certificate of construction of the tank car, that ensures the continuing qualification of a tank car by performing a function prescribed in parts 179 or 180 of this subchapter, or that makes any representation indicating compliance with one or more of the requirements of parts 179 or 180 of this subchapter.

(11) *Tanks* means tank car tanks.

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(b) [Reserved]

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§ 179.3 Procedure for securing approval.

(a) Application for approval of designs, materials and construction, conversion or alteration of tank car tanks under these specifications, complete with detailed prints, must be submitted in prescribed form to the Executive Director—Tank Car Safety, AAR, for consideration by its Tank Car Committee and other appropriate committees. Approval or rejections of applications based on appropriate committee action will be issued by the executive director.

(b) When, in the opinion of the Committee, such tanks or equipment therefor are in compliance with effective regulations and specifications of the Department, the application will be approved.

(c) When, in the opinion of the Committee, such tanks or equipment therefor are not in compliance with effective regulations and specifications of the Department, the Committee may recommend service trials to determine the merits of a change in specifications. Such service trials may be authorized by the Department under the terms of exemptions.

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§ 179.4 Changes in specifications for tank cars.

(a) Proposed changes in or additions to specifications for tanks must be submitted to the Executive Director—Tank Car Safety, AAR, for consideration by its Tank Car Committee. An application for construction of tanks to any new specification may be submitted with proposed specification. Construction should not be started until the specification has been approved or an exemption has been