

# Gas Cylinder Ownership and Responsibility

## (Memorandum of Understanding)

MEGA considers unambiguous cylinder ownership as fundamental to the safety of gas cylinder operations.

For this reason member companies under MEGA and/or of the relevant National Associations commit themselves to the following:

- 1) The official stamp marking as set out in MEGA recommendations or national regulations shall be supplemented by permanently stamping the owner of the cylinder.
- 2) A change of the ownership stamp marking may only be carried out with the written consent of the owner.
- 3) Filling and testing of cylinders of a third party owner may only be done with the written consent of the owner, even if that owner is located in another country.
- 4) Cylinders received by a member company which are stamp marked with the name of another member company shall be /exchanged to that member.
- 5) Cylinders which do not bear any safety-stamp marking shall be handled according to MEGA recommendations or National agreement, to cover safety responsibilities.
- 6) Companies that sell any cylinders outright to a customer, should obliterate their ownership markings, if any, prior to selling the cylinder.
- 7) Hydro test reports must be open to share between gas companies in case of conflicts during pre-fill inspections.
- 8) If it becomes known or it is brought to the attention of any of the MEGA Members that, an Industrial Gases cylinder filling company is filling other companies owned cylinders, without the permission of the owner, then it should be reported and brought to the attention of MEGA.