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Based on a proposal from France (OCTI/RID/CE/40/8c)), at the 40th session of the RID Committee of Experts, a new section 1.9.5 was included based on Article 1 (2) of the RID Framework Directive. In the version of RID in force from 1 January 2005, this section now appears in Chapter 1.9 (Restrictions on carriage imposed by the competent authorities).

UIC is of the view that these provisions from the Framework Directive do not constitute restrictions on carriage in the sense of Chapter 1.9 of RID, but are specific safety provisions of certain States. UIC therefore considers that this section 1.9.5 does not belong in Chapter 1.9 and that these provisions should not be included in a separate section with a new title, "Special Safety Provisions". Otherwise, there is concern that these special provisions taken from the Framework Directive might lead to further restrictions, e.g. in train traffic, marshalling or stabling of dangerous goods wagons. There is also concern that it is possible to mix the supplementary provisions in 1.9.2 and the special safety provisions in 1.9.5.

It should also be noted that no standardized risk analysis is prescribed for enacting the special safety provisions in 1.9.5. This means that if the provisions in 1.9.5 can also be used for enacting restrictions, it is not necessary to provide any evidence of the need for them by means of a standardized risk analysis in accordance with 1.9.3.

UIC urgently requests that the RID Committee of Experts provide the necessary clarification in this respect.

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