
Subject: Editorial clarification in paragraph 6.8.2.4.6 (Expert for performing tests and inspections on the tanks of tank-wagons)

Proposal submitted by the International Union of Private Wagons (UIP)

The purpose of the requirements concerning experts that were newly incorporated into paragraph 6.8.2.4.6 in 2003 is to aid mutual recognition. In multilateral special agreement RID 4/2002, which dealt with this subject, this objective was clearly defined in the title and in the text. Now this text is included in RID, this objective is only clear from the second sentence, and then only in respect of the exception referred to there.

Proposal

It is proposed to express paragraph 6.8.2.4.6 more clearly by means of the following amendment to the wording (the amended text is highlighted in bold):

"In order to be considered as an expert within the meaning of 6.8.2.4.5 and to be able to perform the tests and inspections on tanks referred to there, one shall be recognized by the competent authority of a Member State of COTIF and meet the following requirements. However, this mutual recognition …"

Assessment of technical safety

The amendment has no effect on this, as the clarification only involves an editorial improvement.