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Subject: Adaptation of certain provisions to the European Directives on railway interoperability

Proposal transmitted by Belgium

Some provisions of RID Chapter 6.8 are not entirely in conformity with the European Directives on railway interoperability.

In particular, the following paragraphs are concerned:

A. 6.8.2.1.2: " ... As regards these stresses, reference should be made to the tests prescribed by the competent railway authorities."

Problem: In accordance with European Directives 2001/16 (O.J. 20/04/2001) and 2004/50 (O.J. 21/06/2004), the railways are no longer competent for carrying out an "authorisation of putting into service" (technical approval) of wagons.

Proposal: Replace "the competent railway authorities" with "the competent authority".

B. 6.8.2.6: "The requirements of Chapter 6.8 are considered to have been complied with if the following standard is applied".

In particular, standard EN 12972 is quoted in respect of testing, inspection and marking.

Sub-section 6.8.2.7 provides for the possibility of testing tanks in accordance with standards other than those referred to in 6.8.2.6.

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Problem: Section 2.7.2 of the Commission's decision 2004/446/EC of 29/04/2004 "specifying the basic parameters of the "Noise", "Freight Wagons" and "Telematic applications for freight" Technical Specifications for Interoperability referred to in Directive 2001/16/EC" prescribes as follows: "The maintenance of tank/freight wagons **shall** be compliant with the following standard and the Council Directive". Standard EN 12972 is quoted.

Proposals:

- Correction of the current text of the sentence preceding the table in 6.8.2.6: It says "... if the following standard is applied". It should say: "... if the following standards are applied".
- Add a reference to new footnote 13) in the table in 6.8.2.6, after EN 12972:2001.
- Add a reference to new footnote 13) in the title of 6.8.2.7, after "tested".
- Add the following footnote:
"13) Application of standard EN 12972 is mandatory for countries belonging to the European Union, in accordance with section 2.7.2 of the Commission's decision 2004/446/EC of 29 April 2004 specifying the basic parameters of the "Noise", "Freight Wagons" and "Telematic applications for freight" Technical Specifications for Interoperability referred to in Directive 2001/16/EC.
- Current footnotes 13) to 17) become 14) to 18).
