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### Comments on UIP document OCTI/RID/CE/42/5c transmitted by Belgium

Like the UIP, Belgium is of the view that it is essential to clarify 6.8.2.4.6, as experience has shown that this principle of the mutual recognition of inspection bodies in RID 2005 is not set out in a sufficiently clear manner.

In the introduction to its document, UIP refers to multilateral special agreement RID 4/2002 where the principle of mutual recognition was very clear.

Belgium proposes to include the wording of this multilateral special agreement at the end of 6.8.2.4.6.

### Proposal

**6.8.2.4.6** Amend the introductory sentence in the left-hand column to read (amendments are highlighted in bold):

"In order to be considered as an expert within the meaning of 6.8.2.4.5, one shall be approved by ~~the~~ **a competent authority of a Member State of COTIF** and meet the following requirements: ~~However, this mutual recognition shall not apply to activities in connection with an amendment of the design type approval.~~"

Insert the following sub-paragraph in the left-hand column before the penultimate sub-paragraph ("The Member States shall communicate ... kept up to date."):

"Experts officially approved in a Member State of COTIF in accordance with the requirements of this paragraph may carry out inspections of tanks of tank-wagons that have been registered in another Member State. However, this mutual recognition shall not apply to activities in connection with an amendment of the design type approval."

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