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**RID:** 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods  
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**Subject:** Questions of interpretation

**Transmitted by Sweden**

The government of Sweden would like to ask the RID Committee of Experts for the interpretation of RID concerning:

1. Tank-wagons regarded as containers for bulk transport

Transport of UN 1495 sodium chlorate (PG III) is carried out in an old tank-wagon where the tank has not been regularly checked and no longer fulfils the provisions of Chapter 6.8. Does transport where the tank-wagon is regarded as bulk transport according to bulk code VW 8 meet the requirements of RID?

NB. Railway personnel checking wagons according to 1.4.2.2 have difficulties in distinguishing if it is transport according to a VW bulk code or incorrect transport according to a tank code.

2. IBCs regarded as containers for bulk transport

UN 1402 calcium carbide (PG II) is often transported in IBCs and loaded into sheeted wagons according to W1. Does transport where the IBCs are regarded as a container for bulk transport according to VW5 meet the requirements of RID? The containers (e.g. IBCS) are marked with orange-coloured marking and loaded onto an open wagon.

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3. Obligations on unrestricted access to information (Chapter 1.4)

Can a carrier complete obligations according to 1.4.2.2.5 (1.4.3.6) concerning information on the weight of the load in the case where the consignor has transmitted a transport document specifying the volume of the dangerous goods according to 5.4.1.1.1 (f)?

4. Approval and testing of vehicle provisions on a railway tank-wagon (Chapter 6.8)

Chapter 6.8 contains provisions on the railway vehicle, for example energy absorbing buffers. In ADR these types of provision are found in Part 9. Can the different provisions regarding the railway vehicle always be a part of the approval, inspections and tests carried out by the competent authority, designated body or expert for performing tests and inspections on the tank?

The requirements for testing in 6.8.2.6 (EN 12972) do not include instructions on the testing of vehicle equipment, e.g. crash buffers or derailment detectors.

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