Discussion

1. Belgium’s document OTIF/RID/CE/GT/2008/2, which was submitted to the working group on tank and vehicle technology (Berne, 14 and 15 May 2008), was discussed by the working group.

2. After a prior exchange of views with various delegations, the representative of Belgium submitted an informal document, INF.8, which only proposed an addition to the text of the existing eighth indent of 6.8.2.5.2.

3. The majority of the working group was in favour of the modified proposal submitted by the representative of Belgium in informal document INF.8, but with the amendment that after the date for the next intermediate inspection as in 6.8.2.5.1, the letter “L” should be shown.

4. However, following this decision, some delegations were of the view that there was no hurry to implement this and that it would be sufficient if this were to enter into force on 1 January 2011.

5. The working group was of the view that the question of the entry into force should be dealt with in the 45th session of the RID Committee of Experts.
Proposal for amendment

6.8.2.5.2 Add the following sentence at the end of the eighth indent in the left-hand column:

"If the next inspection is an inspection in accordance with 6.8.2.4.3, the date shall be followed by the letter "L"."

1.6.3.25 Add the following sub-paragraph:

"The letter "L" required by 6.8.2.5.2 need not be added to the tank-wagon until the first test after 1 January 2009 is performed."