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Subject: Consequential amendments in relation to document
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Proposal from the International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP)

1. In document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2021/3, UIP proposed to delete RID 4.3.3.3.2, which requires foldable panels in case of the multi-purpose use of tank-wagons for different gases. This aim of this proposal was to align with decisions that had been taken for ADR and tank-containers.
2. In the meantime, UIP was asked about consequential adjustments in 4.3.3.4.1 (a) and 6.8.3.5.7, which set out special requirements regarding moveable/foldable panels.
3. UIP is not sure that any consequential adjustments are really necessary, as such foldable panels will not be prohibited if 4.3.3.3.2 is deleted and a lot of wagons will operate for many years with such foldable panels. Some customers even prefer foldable panels and will continue to use them.
4. However, in order to avoid any problems, if the proposal to delete RID 4.3.3.3.2 for tank-wagons is accepted, it might be better if RID 4.3.3.4.1 (a) were amended to read as follows:

"Tank-wagons for multiple use shall especially be checked to ensure that **if folding panels are used**, the correct folding panels are visible and securely fixed by the means referred to in 6.8.3.5.7 on both sides of the wagon."

5. Similarly, 6.8.3.5.7 should be amended to read:

"; in the case of multi-purpose tanks **and if folding panels are used**, the name in full of the particular gas being carried shall be stated together with the load limit on the same ~~moveable~~ **folding** panel. The folding panels (**if such panels are used**) shall be designed and be capable of being secured so that they cannot unfold or become loose from the frame during carriage ...".