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RID: 13th Session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group
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Subject: Transitional measure in relation to 6.8.2.4.6

Proposal from the International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP)

1. As the autumn 2021 session of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting widely agreed on the texts proposed by the informal working group on the inspection and certification of tanks, UIP wishes to draw attention to one issue that should be considered by the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group.
2. More than 10 years ago, RID 6.8.2.4.6 was amended to include requirements for inspection bodies and procedures for the mutual recognition of inspections. Even though the new proposals are broadly aligned with those that are implemented under RID today, they differ from the current requirements of 6.8.2.4.6 regarding the approval of inspection bodies, as accreditation according to EN 17020 is required.
3. In addition, the informal working group will discuss the idea of postponed implementation in ADR at its December meeting in order to avoid distortion of the market among ADR inspection bodies.
4. For these reasons, UIP proposes an additional transitional measure for RID:
"1.6.3.x Procedures used by the competent authority for the approval of experts, the performance of inspections concerning tank-wagons and for the mutual recognition of such inspections in accordance with the requirements of 6.8.2.4.6 in force up to 31 December 2022, but which do not conform to the requirements applicable as from 1 January 2023, may continue to be used until 31 December 2032.

Note: During this period, OTIF may continue to register inspection bodies conforming to 6.8.2.4.6 of RID 2021 in a register separate to the register of inspection bodies in accordance with the requirements valid from 1 January 2023 onwards."