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Subject: Adoption of the 2017 and 2019 amendments to SMGS Annex 2

Information from the Secretariat

References to EU directives and EN standards

1. At the 7th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Prague, 22 to 24 November 2016), the Secretariat of OTIF informed the Member States that the 2017 amendments to SMGS Annex 2 had not been adopted for the OSJD Member States.
2. The reason they were not adopted was the position of some of the OSJD Member States no longer to include any references to EU directives and EN standards in the text of SMGS Annex 2. As a result of their not being adopted, the unamended 2015 edition of SMGS Annex 2 has been applicable in the OSJD legal area since 2015.
3. Over the last two years, various proposals have been submitted to resolve this unsatisfactory situation.
4. A breakthrough could only be achieved at the OSJD group of experts (Beijing, 28 to 31 August 2018), when all the states that were present were able to agree that the references to EU directives and EN standards should be segregated in a separate document.
5. At its autumn session (Warsaw, 16 and 17 October 2018), the OSJD group of experts elaborated this approach further. It was decided to segregate all the references to EU directives and EN standards that had been newly included in RID since 2015 or updated in RID in a *List of standardisation and technical documents* (hereafter referred to as the *List*). In addition, GOST standards and Technical Codes applied in the Russian Federation and various other Asian states were included in this *List*.
6. The link between SMGS Annex 2 and this *List* will be set out in the new 1.1.6 of SMGS Annex 2. Here, in addition to a reference to the *List*, it will be explained that application of

the standardisation and technical documents listed is only mandatory for those OSJD Member States that are indicated in column 5 of the *List*. For all the other OSJD Member States, these standards are only recommended.

7. The new 1.1.6 will also stipulate that modifications and additions to the *List* will be adopted using the same procedure as for SMGS Annex 2 and will enter into force at the same time as amendments to SMGS Annex 2.
8. The relevant places in SMGS Annex 2 will only contain a sequential number under which each applicable standard appears in the *List*. An example of how this will look in the text of SMGS Annex 2 and in the *List* is given in the annex to this document.
9. Information on the period of application and the date for the withdrawal of existing design type approvals, which is given in Chapter 6.2 and in 6.8.2.6 alongside the titles of the EN standards, will remain in the regulations and will not be transferred into the *List*.
10. The OSJD Commission for Transport Law in the area of requirements for the carriage of dangerous goods, which met on 18 and 19 October 2018 in Warsaw, agreed with this proposed solution and subsequently adopted the amendments to SMGS Annex 2 proposed for the 2019 edition and, *ex post*, those for the 2017 edition.
11. The 2019 editions of SMGS Annex 2 and the *List* enter into force on 1 July 2019.
12. In the next biennium, it will be checked whether all those EU directives and EN standards that were already referred to in the 2015 edition of SMGS Annex 2 should be transferred into the new *List*. ISO and EN ISO standards would not be affected by this new procedure.

Revision of the provisions for tank-wagons of Chapter 6.8

13. At its autumn session, the OSJD group of experts also dealt with various amendments proposed by the Russian Federation concerning the provisions for tank-wagons of Chapter 6.8.
14. Among other things, the value in special provision TE 22 for the minimum energy absorption of the energy absorption elements at each end of the wagon for tank-wagons with automatic coupling devices was increased from 130 kJ to 140 kJ. The Russian Federation has already announced a corresponding proposal for the standing working group.
15. Most of the proposed amendments, which basically concern 1520 mm gauge tank-wagons, were adopted for the 2019 edition of SMGS Annex 2. Other proposals, e.g. amendments and additions to 6.8.5 and increasing the minimum dynamic energy absorption capacity of the buffers in 6.8.3.1.6, would be dealt with in the next biennium.
16. Also in the next biennium, the possibility will be examined of transferring all the provisions for 1520 mm gauge tank-wagons to a new Chapter 6.X and of aligning both columns (for tank-wagons and tank-containers) of Chapter 6.8 of SMGS Annex 2 with Chapter 6.8 of RID.

AnnexExample of the segregation of an EC Regulation into the *List of standardisation and technical documents*

Use of a sequential number instead of a reference to the EC Regulation in 2.2.62.1.12.1:

"2.2.62.1.12.1 [...]

Rules for the carriage of livestock are, for example, contained in documents No. 10 and 10A of the *List*."

List of applicable rules in the *List*:

No.	Point in SMGS Annex 2	Document number	Document title	State in which applied	Note
10.	2.2.62.1.12.1	Regulation (EC) No 1/2005	Council Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005 of 22 December 2004 on the protection of animals during transport	Applied to transport on the territory of the states in which SMGS Annex 2 and RID are applied	
10A	2.2.62.1.12.1	Regulation of the Russian Ministry of Railways of 18.06.2003 No. 35	Rules for the carriage of animals by rail	Russian Federation	