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Subject: New texts of Chapters 6.8, 1.8.6 and 1.8.7 for RID 2021

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SUMMARY

Explanatory summary: Examine the texts proposed by the working group on the inspection and certification of tanks.

Related document: Informal document INF.19/Rev.1 from the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting in September 2019

Introduction

1. Belgium wishes to draw the attention of participants at the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group to informal document INF.19/Rev.1 submitted to the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting in September 2019.

This document is available on the UNECE website under the following link:

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2019/dgwp15ac1/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-2019-GE-INF19r1e.pdf>

The document sets out the results of the informal working group on the inspection and certification of tanks.

The JCGE (Joint Coordinating Group of Experts) has identified this subject as a priority for coordination between RID and ATMF.

The last session of the working group on the inspection and certification of tanks has been planned for December 2019. This working group will deal with the final comments and will prepare an official document for the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting in March 2020, with the aim of adopting texts for RID/ADR 2021.

The RID Committee of Experts in May 2020 will therefore be called upon to adopt these texts formally.

2. The aim of this document is to check whether the texts in informal document INF.19/Rev.1 can be adopted for RID 2021 as proposed, or whether any adaptations specific to RID are required, particularly for tank-wagons.
3. In Belgium's view, the proposals in informal document INF.19/Rev.1 do not introduce any changes affecting the process for authorising/registering tank-wagons and there is no need to make any specific adaptations for RID. If the Joint Meeting in March 2020 adopts these texts, the RID Committee of Experts could adopt them with no difficulty at its session in May 2020.

In Belgium's view, the proposed amendments to Chapter 6.8 do not modify the authorisation/registration process in any way. The tank type approval certificate and, if necessary, proof of the initial inspection and testing, are attached to the request for approval file by type of vehicle or to the approval request for a vehicle to be placed on the market.

4. However, if other delegations and participants have identified any problems or have specific questions with regard to tank-wagons, Belgium would like to discuss them at this session of the standing working group so that any comments and/or questions can be forwarded to the working group on the inspection and certification of tanks to be held in December 2019.
