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RID: 12th Session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group
(Video-conference, 24 to 26 November 2020)

Subject: Indication on the tank of the gas loaded

Information from the Secretariat of OTIF

SUMMARY

Explanatory summary: Removal of a contradiction between 4.3.3.3.2 and 6.8.3.5.6

Decision to be taken: Possible deletion of the text in 4.3.3.3.2.

1. RID 4.3.3.3.2 stipulates that on tanks, battery-wagons or MEGCs, only the particulars specified for the gas loaded or just discharged must be visible and that all particulars concerning other gases must be covered up. On the other hand, for multipurpose tanks, 6.8.3.5.6 stipulates that the proper shipping names and, where appropriate, the technical names of the gases to whose carriage the tank is assigned must be inscribed.
2. In its document [ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/26](#) for the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (video-conference, 10 to 18 September 2020), Poland pointed out this contradiction.
3. When this document was discussed at the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting's working group on tanks, it was of the view that the information on the gas loaded or just discharged can be obtained from the transport document and the orange-coloured plates, so 4.3.3.3.2 can be deleted. However, owing to the folding panels used on tank-wagons, which comply with standard EN 15877-1:2012 on the marking of railway vehicles and which are also mentioned in other parts of RID, some concern was expressed with regard to deleting 4.3.3.3.2 for tank-wagons. As a result, this provision can only be deleted for tank-wagons if this is confirmed by the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group. See also the following extract from the report of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting's working group on tanks.

4. The standing working group is asked to decide whether the text in the left-hand column of RID 4.3.3.3.2 (for tank-wagons and battery-wagons) must be kept.

Extract from the report of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting's working group on tanks

ITEM 3 Proposal of amendment to 4.3.3.3.2 of RID/ADR

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/26 (Poland)

6. As the relevant information is already contained in the transport documents and orange plates, there was consensus to delete 4.3.3.3.2 for tank-vehicles and tank-containers. However, reservations were expressed regarding the so-called foldable panels on tank-wagons covered in EN standard 15877-1:2012 and described in 4.3.3.4.1 (a) and 6.8.3.5.7. It was suggested that the deletion should also apply to tank-wagons, but that it should remain in square brackets for the time being until the RID standing working group confirmed the deletion.

Proposal 5 4.3.3.3.2 RID place the existing text in square brackets in the left-hand column in order to make the text applicable only to tank-wagons and battery-wagons (new words in italic script, deleted words crossed out):

<p>When tanks <i>tank-wagons or battery-wagons or MEGC's</i> are handed over for carriage, only the particulars specified in 6.8.3.5.6 applicable to the gas loaded or just discharged shall be visible; all particulars concerning other gases shall be covered up (see standard EN 15877-1:2012 Railway applications – Marking on railway vehicles. Part 1: Freight wagons).]</p>	<p><i>(Deleted)</i></p>
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Proposal 6 4.3.3.3.2 ADR, delete the current text in 4.3.3.3.2 and amend to read:

“4.3.3.3.2 *(Deleted)*”.