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Subject: Fixing of welded elements

Proposal from the International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP)

SUMMARY

Explanatory summary: The requirement for the fixing of welded elements on tank-wagons should be aligned with the wording adopted for tank-containers.

Decision to be taken: Align the provision applicable to tank-wagons in 6.8.2.2.1 with the text adopted for tank-containers.

Proposal

1. Reference is made to the Secretariat's document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2020/1.
2. UIP proposes to include the text adopted for tank-containers and tank-vehicles (see document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2020/1, paragraph 4) in the left-hand column of 6.8.2.2.1 and to delete the existing text (see document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2020/1, paragraph 1).

Justification

3. With such a rule, the requirements for protecting the tank remain in place, but the tank-wagon sector is given the same requirements as have been introduced for tank-containers and the tanks of road vehicles. Tank-containers and extra-large tank-containers are in direct competition with tank-wagons. Unequal treatment with the same risks is difficult to reconcile.
4. In addition, this also takes account of the requirement that in principle, only the protective aims are to be defined in the legislation.