RID: 12th Session of the RID Committee of Experts’ standing working group
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Subject: Comments from Belgium on document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2020/3

Transmitted by Belgium

SUMMARY

Explanatory summary: RID 4.3.3.2

Decision to be taken: Retaining 4.3.3.2 for tank-wagons with the replacement of the reference to 6.8.3.5.6 by a reference to 6.8.3.5.7

Related documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/26;
Informal document INF.64 of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting in September 2020;
OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2020/3

Introduction

1. On the basis of document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/26, the Joint Meeting decided to delete 4.3.3.2 for tank-vehicles (ADR) and tank-containers. It was suggested that the deletion should also apply to tank-wagons.

2. RID 4.3.3.2 stipulates:

   4.3.3.2 When tanks, battery-wagons or MEGCs 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).
3. 4.3.3.3.2 refers to 6.8.3.5.6 which relates to the inscriptions on the side plates of tank-wagons.

4. For compressed gases filled by mass, liquefied gases, refrigerated liquefied gases and dissolved gases the load limits referred to in 6.8.3.5.7 depend on the gas loaded in the tank. Therefore, in the case of multi-purpose tanks, the name of the particular gas being carried shall be stated, together with the load limit on the same folding panel.

5. On these panels, it is the name and the load limits of the loaded gas which are useful and which have to be visible.

6. Therefore, Belgium proposes to retain 4.3.3.3.2 in the left-hand column but with the replacement of 6.8.3.5.6 by 6.8.3.5.7.
Proposal

7. Retain the text in 4.3.3.3.2 in the left-hand column of RID as follows:

| 4.3.3.3.2 | When tanks tank-wagons or battery-wagons or MCC’s are handed over for carriage, only the particulars specified in 6.8.3.5.6 6.8.3.5.7 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). | (Deleted) |

Justification

8. Maintain the current situation.