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Subject: Comments from Belgium on document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2020/4 concerning the entry into service verification of tank-wagons

Information from Belgium

SUMMARY

Explanatory summary: Entry into service verification

Decision to be taken: –

Related documents: OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2020/4

Introduction

1. In document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2020/4, the Secretariat of OTIF recalls all the discussions that have taken place concerning the new entry into service verification for tanks proposed by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting's informal working group on the testing and certification of tanks.
2. The September 2020 Joint Meeting's working group on tanks pointed out the occasional nature and the purpose of this verification. One of the sentences taken into consideration by the group is:

"The competent authority of the country of first registration may request [according to 1.8.1] an entry into service verification of the tank-wagon, on an occasional basis, to verify conformity with the applicable requirements."

3. Taking into account these conclusions, Belgium has examined the proposal again.

4. In Belgium's view, this verification – if one is requested – could be performed when the wagon is registered. In this case, when the competent authority designated at national level requests an entry into service verification, the registration entity should be able to interrupt the 20-day registration period pending the results of the verification.
5. Belgium is of the view that this is possible within the framework of 3.2.1, points 13 and 16 of Annex 2 of the DECISION (EU) 2018/1614 laying down specifications for the vehicle registers, which stipulate as follows:

"13. In some registration cases, Member States may require supporting documents to be electronically attached to the application for registration; to that end the RE shall publish the list of supporting documents required in each registration case."

"16. The RE shall register the data in the EVR within 20 working days of the receipt of a complete application. The RE shall, within that deadline, either register the vehicle or request correction or clarification."

Proposal

6. Belgium would like to know the opinion of the other Contracting States and ERA on this possibility.

Justification

7. The aim is to ensure that there is no contradiction between the proposed texts and the railway legislation.
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