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Proposal from the International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP)

1. As explained in the Secretariat's document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2020/3, the Joint Meeting decided to delete the provision in 4.3.3.3.2, according to which only the gas loaded may be inscribed on the wagon plate and all particulars concerning other gases must be covered up.
2. One justification for this decision was the continual problems with this rule. However, it was also pointed out that this information is provided in the transport document and in addition, the wagon is marked with orange-coloured plates.
3. Following the Joint Meeting's discussion, the rail sector now has to decide whether this amendment is also to be carried over for tank-wagons.
4. In its document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2020/6, Belgium describes the technically better solutions (folding panels), which were introduced for application in the tank-wagon sector, and proposes that these be maintained for tank-wagons.
5. In this respect, UIP would point out that the justification that led to the deletion of 4.3.3.3.2 for tank-containers and road tank-vehicles also applies to carriage in tank-wagons. In addition, the folding panel solution used for tank-wagons is comparatively expensive and is not problem-free either. For example, there have already been incidences of wagons with panels open with different information on each side or panels that are not securely fixed on.
6. The same situation as in tank-container transport could also be achieved by means of adhesive sheets containing the information prescribed in 6.8.3.5.6. The referenced standard EN 15877 could subsequently be adapted and does not conflict with the deletion of 4.3.3.3.2.