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Subject: Alignment between ADR and RID of the requirements concerning the information displayed

Proposal from the International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP)

Introduction

1. As already explained in the Secretariat's document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2020/3, the Joint Meeting decided to delete without replacement the provision of 4.3.3.3.2, according to which only the information on the gas actually being carried may be inscribed on the wagon plate and the particulars concerning other gases must be covered up.
2. One justification for this decision was the continual problems with this rule. It was also noted that this information is included in the transport document and that orange-coloured plates are also attached to the wagon.
3. However, the last meeting of the standing working group was unable to decide to adopt this decision for RID as well. Basically, the government representatives could not imagine how this could be implemented in reality, as according to RID, the route-related load limit panels also have to be shown.
4. UIP was asked to consider whether such a change would make sense for RID and, if so, to show how it could be implemented.
5. UIP has discussed this and saw advantages (which also apply to the rail sector) in removing the requirement in 4.3.3.3.2, i.e. the requirement that only the goods being carried should be inscribed:
 - Currently used folding panels require a relatively high level of maintenance.

- Repeatedly in individual cases, detached or insufficiently secured folding panels lead to hazards.
 - It is repeatedly the case that different panels are unfolded on each side of the tank-wagon and thus different products are indicated.
6. In order to harmonise with the provisions of ADR, UIP therefore proposes also to delete the provision of 4.3.3.3.2 in RID.
 7. The picture below shows how the tank-wagon can be inscribed to meet all the requirements of Chapter 6.8, including with regard to showing the load limit panel.

