Introduction

1. On 1 January 2023, amendments to RID are due to come into force which will have an impact on point 5 of IRS 40471-3.

2. In addition to the amendments to points 5.1 and 5.8 of IRS 40471-3 (inspections to be carried out on consignments of dangerous goods) set out in document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2022/4, an amendment to point 5.5 of IRS 40471-3 is also necessary.

Proposal

3. In view of the proposed amendment to replace "deadline" by "date specified" in 1.4.2.2.1, point 5.5 of IRS 40471-3 should also be amended as follows (additional text shown in bold):

“The carrier accepting dangerous goods for carriage at the point of departure shall check the following:

(…)

5.5 – That wagons and loads do not have any obvious defects:

(…)

Original: German
– for tank wagons, battery wagons, wagons with demountable tanks, portable tanks, tank containers and MEGCs, the deadline date specified for the next test shall not have expired."

4. The RID Committee of Experts' standing working group is asked to give its agreement.

Justification

5. The amendment to point 5.5 of IRS 40471-3 is necessary in order to be consistent with the RID amendments that are envisaged.