RID: 14th Session of the RID Committee of Experts’ standing working group
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Subject: Adaptation of point 5 of IRS 40471-3 (checks to be carried out on consign-
ments of dangerous goods) to the amendments to RID expected to enter into force on 1 January 2023

Proposal transmitted by the International Union of Railways (UIC)

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.

Proposal

2. In view of the amendments envisaged

   – to Table A of Chapter 3.2 concerning UN number 1012 (amendment of the proper shipping name and assignment of new special provision 398) and

   – the deletion of 4.3.3.3.2 and amendments to 4.3.3.4.1 and 6.8.3.5.7,

points 5.1 and 5.8 of IRS 40471-3 should be adapted as follows (additional text shown in bold):

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

5.1  That the goods are authorised for carriage under the terms of the RID or under the terms of a temporary derogation in accordance with RID, section 1.5.1.

To this end, the information entered on the transport document must be compared with that on the list of dangerous goods (see RID chapter 3.2, Table A)
or with the temporary derogation, in order to check on compliance; the information in question is as follows:

(...)

– The proper shipping name of the substance or article, to which the technical name must be added in brackets insofar as special provisions 274, 318 or 398 of RID, chapter 3.3 apply;

(...)

5.8 – That for carriage of class 2 gases in tank wagons, the load limits label and the proper shipping name (wagon panel or fold-down panel) correspond to the goods carried and that the latter correspond to the description entered in the transport document, the proper shipping name of the gas being carried (information in the transport document) corresponds to one of the proper shipping names given on the tank wagon itself or on panels (wagon panel, fold down panel) and that the applicable load limits are stated.

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

Justification

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