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TO DELEGATES OF THE RID COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS' WORKING GROUP ON TANK AND VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY

Invitation to the 18th session
(Video-conference, 6 and 7 October 2020)
1. At its 11th session (Vienna, 25 to 28 November 2019), the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group agreed to continue the discussion on the results of the risk assessment of extra-large tank-containers at the working group on tank and vehicle technology (see report OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2019-A, paragraphs 27 to 55).

2. Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting travel restrictions for many delegates, the 18th session of this working group planned for 31 March to 2 April 2020 had to be postponed (see document RID-20005-CE).

3. As it is currently the case that the infection rate in many Member States is rising again, the Secretariat, in conjunction with the Chairman, has decided to hold the 18th session of the working group on tank and vehicle technology entirely as a video-conference on 6 and 7 October 2020.

**Time of the meeting**

4. The meeting will take place on 6 and 7 October 2020 from 09.30 to 12.30 on both days.

**Languages**

5. At the meeting, participants may speak in German, English or French. There will simultaneous interpretation into English.

6. A particular interpretation platform will be used for this video-conference. You will receive more information on this at a later date.

**Provisional agenda**

7. The Secretariat of OTIF proposes the following provisional agenda:

   ITEM 1: Approval of the agenda

   ITEM 2: Safety assessment of the risk analysis submitted by BASF on extra-large tank-containers, taking into account the following points, among others:

   – Reducing the wall thickness of the shell (see reports OTIF/RID/CE/GTT/2018-A, paragraphs 13 to 19, OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2018/5, paragraphs 29 to 31 and OTIF/RID/CE/GTT/2018-B, paragraphs 21 to 24)

   – Design of fixing pins and marking of carrying wagons fitted with strengthened fixing pins (see report OTIF/RID/CE/GTT/2018-A, paragraphs 10 to 12)

   – Requirements for carrying wagons when used in single wagon traffic (load cases F1 and F2 according to standard EN 12663) (see report OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2019-A, paragraph 52)

   – Minimum distance between the headstock plane and the shell (see report OTIF/RID/CE/GTT/2018-A, paragraphs 20 to 22)
– Energy absorption elements and devices to protect against the overriding of buffers (see report OTIF/RID/CE/GTT/2018-A, paragraphs 35 to 40)

ITEM 3: Any other business

8. The following documents are available so far:

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At the 11th session of the standing working group, Germany announced that it would submit an updated version of informal document INF.8 to the 18th session of the working group on tank and vehicle technology.

At the 11th session of the standing working group, other delegations were also asked to submit documents.
Registration

9. It will only be possible to take part in this video-conference with a personal link that will be sent out before the meeting. Please therefore register your attendance by no later than 18 September 2020 using the online form.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Wolfgang Küpper  
(Generalsekretär)