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**RID: 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the RID Committee of Experts' working group on tank and vehicle technology**

(Berne/hybrid, 22 and 23 November 2022)

**Subject: Investigation of the effects of surge behaviour in tank-containers in rail transport**

### Information from Germany

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1. At the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Geneva/hybrid, 15 - 18 November 2021), the representatives of Germany announced that the German Centre for Rail Traffic Research at the Federal Office for Railways (DZSF) would be commissioned to carry out research work on the effects of surge movements in rail transport. This work was also to include tank-wagons and ISO tank-containers.
2. The standing working group welcomed this additional research work. Delegations were requested to inform the representative of Germany which investigations should be carried out as part of this research (see also paragraphs 37 to 39 of the [final report](#)).
3. Germany would like to inform the working group on tank and vehicle technology that for budgetary reasons, it was not possible to commission this research work in 2022. However, allocation of the work is being prepared for 2023. The RID Committee of Experts' working group on tank and vehicle technology and the standing working group will be involved in the research work. So far however, Germany has not received any feedback from other delegations on the investigations they would like to see.