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**Subject:** Comments from Belgium on document OTIF/RID/CE/2010/2

1. In proposal 1 of document OTIF/RID/CE/2010/2, it is proposed to add text to the first indent of 1.4.3.6 (b) as follows:

"– composition of the train by indicating the design type and number of each wagon,".

2. In Belgium, it is not necessary to indicate the design type; only the wagon number is required. Moreover, the design type can be derived from the wagon number (see Annexes P9 and P12 of TSI Operation). In fact, the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> figures provide the wagon's letter code, which defines the characteristics of the wagon. For example, the figure "7" placed fifth in the wagon number indicates that it is a tank-wagon. For this reason, Belgium requests that 1.4.3.6 (b) should not require the design type to be given.

3. In view of the fact that the information concerning the mass is not directly linked to the dangerous goods, Belgium considers that the fourth indent of 1.4.3.6 (b) can be deleted, as proposed in document OTIF/RID/CE/2010/2.

4. With regard to the French version, Belgium is of the view that the term "chaque wagon" would be preferable to the term "différents wagons" (EN: "each wagon").

Note by the Secretariat: In the third indent of the English version, "position of each of these wagons" would then be replaced by "position of each wagon".

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5. Belgium therefore proposes to amend proposal 1 in document OTIF/RID/CE/2010/2 as follows (amended texts are crossed out):

- "– composition of the train by indicating the design type and number of each wagon,
  - UN numbers of the dangerous goods being carried in each wagon,
  - position of each of these wagons in the train (wagon order)."
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