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**Subject:** Draft version of the notification texts [OTIF/RID/NOT/2011]; amendment concerning 6.8.2.1.18

**Note by the Secretariat**

1. At its September 2008 session (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/112), in footnote 2 to 6.8.2.1.18 the Joint Meeting adopted the addition of a definition of mild steel which differs from the definition in section 1.2.1 and which only applies in the case of RID/ADR tanks (Chapter 6.8), as follows:

**"6.8.2.1.18** At the end of footnote 3 (current footnote 2), add the following sentence:

""Mild steel" in this case also covers a steel referred to in EN material standards as "mild steel", with a minimum tensile strength between 360 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and 490 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and a minimum elongation at fracture conforming to 6.8.2.1.12."

2. In view of the original proposal (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2008/15 and informal document INF.25 submitted at the September 2008 Joint Meeting session) and of related discussions (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/112, paras 5-6 and 112/Add.1, paras 5-10), it would seem logical to amend the footnotes 3 applying to 6.8.2.1.19 and 6.8.2.1.20 as well.
3. However, the Joint Meeting did not study the case of 6.8.2.1.19 and 6.8.2.1.20/6.8.2.1.19 to 6.8.2.1.21, and as a result the wording of footnote 3 now differs depending on the paragraphs to which it applies, which should be avoided.

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4. Therefore the RID Committee of Experts is invited to decide whether footnote 3, as amended in relation to 6.8.2.1.18, should also be amended in relation to 6.8.2.1.19 and 6.8.2.1.20.
  5. Should the RID Committee of Experts prefer to refer the issue to the Joint Meeting first, the secretariat proposes to renumber the current footnote 2 applying to 6.8.2.1.19 and 6.8.2.1.20 as footnote 4 and to renumber all subsequent footnotes accordingly.
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