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Subject: 1.3.2.2 – Function-specific training

Proposal transmitted by Sweden

Introduction

1. Sub-section 1.3.2.2 in RID regulates function-specific training. 1.3.2.2.2 (b) regulates subjects to be covered by specialized training for wagon technicians or personnel with an equivalent function of category 2. The second indent in that paragraph, which is only applicable to personnel who perform representative checks described in 1.4.2.2.1, indicates that the training must cover tasks in accordance with the guidelines of UIC leaflet 471-3.

2. However, the reference to UIC leaflet 471-3 indicates more comprehensive training than in fact is required in order to carry out the duties in 1.4.2.2.1. The last paragraph in 1.4.2.2.1 only states that the duties in (a) – (f) are considered to be fulfilled if Section 5 of UIC leaflet 471-3 O is applied. These diverging references seem to confuse the users of the provisions and have also been misunderstood by the enforcement bodies.

3. Furthermore, the wording "guidelines of UIC leaflet 471-3" indicates that part of the leaflet constitutes guidelines. The German text uses the word "Vorgaben".

4. Additionally, the provisions in 1.3.2.2.2 (b) do not seem to be relevant to non Contracting Railways that do not use UIC leaflets but apply their own routines.
Proposal

5. It is proposed to amend the second indent in 1.3.2.2.2 (b) as follows:

Proposal 1

"– carrying out the routines for checks described in 1.4.2.2.1;".

6. Alternatively, if proposal 1 is not acceptable, the following wording is proposed:

Proposal 2

"– carrying out tasks referred to in Section 5 of UIC leaflet 471-3 O."