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Subject: 6.8.2.5.2 - Particulars on tank-wagons

Proposal transmitted by the International Union of Private Wagons (UIP)

1. In the first indent of 6.8.2.5.2, UIP proposes to replace "name of operator" with "vehicle keeper marking (VKM) or name of operator".

Background

2. Among other things, RID 6.8.2.5.2 requires that the name of the operator be inscribed on both sides of the tank-wagon (on the tank-wagon itself or on plates).
3. Paragraph 4.2.2.3 of the technical specification of interoperability relating to the subsystem Traffic Operation and Management of the trans-European conventional rail system (Commission decision 2006/920/EC of 11 August 2006) prescribes the marking of freight wagons, i.e. including tank-wagons. These markings are specified in Annex P of this technical specification.
4. Annex P1 defines the vehicle keeper marking as follows:

"A Vehicle Keeper Marking (VKM) is an alphanumeric code, consisting of 2 to 5 letters. A VKM is inscribed on each rail vehicle, near the vehicle number. The VKM denominates the Vehicle Keeper as registered in the Rolling Stock Register.

A VKM is unique in all countries covered by this TSI and all countries that enter into an agreement that involves the application of the system of vehicle numbering and vehicle keeper marking as described in this TSI."

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5. Anyone can consult the VKM under the following link
http://www.otif.org/fileadmin/user_upload/otif_verlinkte_files/06_tech_zulass/06_register/VKM_list.pdf
or
<http://www.era.europa.eu/Document-Register/Pages/list-VKM.aspx>.

Further information on the vehicle keeper marking and register can be found under:
<http://www.otif.org/en/technology/registers.html>.

Justification

6. A marking showing the name of the operator in accordance with RID 6.8.2.5.2 is an additional marking, as interoperable tank-wagons have to be inscribed with the unique vehicle keeper marking. It is therefore superfluous also to inscribe the full name of the operator, so this could be dropped.
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