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1. NHM codes are contained in UIC Leaflet 221. The NHM code database is updated annually and can be accessed via the UIC website. 6 figure codes are used by railway companies for organising their commercial freight services. In the database, the NHM code is given as an 8 digit code, of which only the first 6 digits are used in the transport document. This presentation makes it easier to find the correct description of the goods and is thus more precise.
2. The UIC NHM code database does not explicitly provide NHM dangerous goods codes. This is why it was decided in the past to include a column in Table B of Chapter 3.2 of RID containing NHM codes for dangerous goods. UIC has provided the NHM codes for the 2013 update of Table B.
3. For the medium term, UIC is examining the feasibility and relevance of adapting Table B, in relation to what is available in the NHM database and other requirements arising from changes in international regulations. It is examining the extent to which an 8 digit code would be an advantage for dangerous goods. However, this will require a certain amount of expenditure. UIC is also sounding out railway undertakings to establish whether this table should remain in RID or not.
4. UIC will submit the results of this work as soon as possible and submit a proposal for future developments, if necessary. In the meantime, UIC will continue to afford support to the secretariat of OTIF, with a view to ensuring the necessary updates to Table B.

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