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Subject: Interpretation of the new RID 1.6.3.40

Proposal transmitted by Sweden

1. RID 1.6.3.40 reads as follows:

"1.6.3.40 For toxic by inhalation substances of UN Nos. 1092, 1238, 1239, 1244, 1251, 1510, 1580, 1810, 1834, 1838, 2474, 2486, 2668, 3381, 3383, 3385, 3387 and 3389, the tank code specified in column (12) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 applicable up to 31 December 2010 may continue to be applied until 31 December 2016 for tank-wagons constructed before 1 July 2011."

In the 2015 edition of RID, the following new second sub-paragraph will be added to the above:

"Additionally in this case special provision TE 25 specified for these substances in column (13) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 applicable from 1 January 2015 need not be applied."

2. This has generated several questions.

- Is it only for the UN numbers mentioned in the first sub-paragraph and to which TE 25 is already assigned in column (13) that TE 25 need not be applied, or
- does this also apply to UN numbers 1092, 1238, 1239, 1244, 1251, 1580, 3381, 3383, 3385, 3387, 3389, 3488 and 3490, and

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- since no time limit is set out in the new second sub-paragraph, although mentioned in the report of the last standing working group meeting, will the exemption from TE 25 still apply even after 2017?
3. We think the report is more precise than the adopted text. Could the proposed text be misinterpreted?
 4. Extract from the report OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2013-A

"58. In document 2013/2, the secretariat suggested that the decision already taken for the 2007 edition of RID to allocate special provision TE 25 to all substances to which tank code L15CH, L15DH or L21DH is assigned in column 12 of Table A of Chapter 3.2 should also cover toxic by inhalation substances, to which these tank codes have also applied since 2011.

59. The working group adopted the secretariat's proposal, including an addition to the transitional provision in 1.6.3.40, which exempts tank-wagons for toxic by inhalation substances built before 1 July 2011 from the application of special provision TE 25 until 31 December 2016 (see Annex I)."
