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the OTIF Secretariat

Proposal transmitted by Germany

Introduction

1. In document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2014/7, the OTIF Secretariat is pursuing the aim of presenting the regulations in RID 1.1.3.3 more clearly.
2. In principle, Germany welcomes this aim, even though it does not agree with the statement that the fuel contained in locomotives (e.g. diesel operated traction units) does not at present come under the exemption in RID 1.1.3.3.
3. It is therefore all the more important that the practical needs of the railways in relation to RID 1.1.3.3 (a) (**Fuel contained in the tanks of vehicles performing a transport operation**) are examined and regulated clearly.
4. In addition to the "diesel operated traction units" mentioned by the OTIF Secretariat, Germany is of the view that other **vehicles with their own means of propulsion** should also come under the exemption rule in paragraph (a) of RID 1.1.3.3, e.g.
 - Heavy oil fired steam locomotives;
 - Heavy oil fired steam locomotives with fixed oil tenders for longer journeys;

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- Self-propelled tractor cranes;
- Self-propelled track-laying machines, such as ballast screeners and packing machines.

Proposals

5. The text proposed for RID 1.1.3.3 (a) in the OTIF Secretariat's proposal (document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2014/7) should be amended as follows (the amendments are shown in **bold underlined** text):

"The requirements of RID do not apply to the carriage of:

- (a) Fuel contained in the tanks of wagons **or self-propelled railway vehicles** performing a transport operation and destined for its propulsion or for the operation of any of its equipment (e.g. refrigerating equipment).

NOTE: Self-propelled railway vehicles include, for example: heavy oil fired steam locomotives, heavy oil fired steam locomotives with fixed oil tenders for longer journeys, self-propelled tractor cranes, self-propelled track-laying machines, such as ballast screeners and packing machines."

6. 1.1.3.2 (a) would also have to be amended accordingly.
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