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RID: 5th Session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group
(Zagreb, 23 - 27 November 2015)

Subject: Information from Italy concerning the ongoing work on the checklists for the filling and emptying of liquefied gas tank-wagons

Transmitted by Italy

Reference documents: OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2014-B, paragraphs 12 to 14.

1. The aim of this document is to conclude item 5 a of document A 81-03/503.2015 regarding the information requested from Italy concerning the ongoing work on the checklists for the filling and emptying of liquefied gas tank-wagons.
2. At its 4th session (Madrid, 17 to 20 November 2014), the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group proposed to set up an informal working group to be hosted by Italy which would be made up of representatives from interested Member States and the representatives of CEFIC and EIGA. This informal working group has to deal with several items listed in the report OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2014 A, paragraphs 12 - 14).
3. Italy has decided to start the work by consulting a group of experts from the organisations and associations concerned, before proceeding to a formal invitation to all the representatives of the Member States. Accordingly, Italy has involved CEFIC and UIC, who attended the first meeting held in Bern on 26 May 2015. After this meeting, EIGA was also involved.
4. All members of this restricted group agreed that in order to fulfill the task entrusted, it would be necessary to undertake initial data collection, focussing on any anomalies or infringements detected on as broad a scale as possible in order to identify any critical points.

5. For the reason mentioned above, on 25 August 2015, Italy requested all the representatives of Member States and National Authorities to forward all data connected to filling and emptying operations by 9 November 2015.
 6. Given that until today, Italy has not received sufficient data to assess, Italy plans to meet CE-FIC, EIGA and UIC in January 2016 to evaluate the collected data and to decide how to proceed in relation to two possible scenarios:
 - (a) Data collected are significant. In this case, Italy will by early spring of 2016 convene an informal group extended to all Member States concerned in order to prepare a document to be presented to the 6th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (May 2016);
 - (b) Data collected are not significant (do not highlight any specific gaps in current RID procedures – or no data available). In this case, Italy will prepare a summary document to be presented to 6th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (May 2016).
 7. In relation to the above, Italy renews its call to all the representatives of the Member States to transmit, by 10 December 2015, all available data relating to faults or infringements found in the filling and emptying of tank-wagons for gas (e-mail: benedetto.legittimo@mit.gov.it; pietro.vallone@mit.gov.it).
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