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RID: 7th Session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group
(Prague, 22 to 24 November 2016)

Subject: Information from Italy on the results of the informal working group on check-lists for the filling and emptying of liquefied gas tank-wagons (Milan, 27 and 28 October 2016)

Information from Italy

1. In accordance with the mandate from the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Berne, 23 and 24 May 2016) (OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2016-A, paragraphs 21 to 24), Italy hosted the above-mentioned informal working group in order to develop further the check-lists for gas tank-wagons that had been submitted in document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2016/5.
2. Bearing in mind that the mandate was "to develop further the check-lists for gas tank-wagons that had been submitted in document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2016/5" (which is not limited to leakage prevention), all participants agreed to develop a "reference tool" which, in terms of internal operational and specialist practices, could help fillers and unloaders carry out the obligations assigned in various chapters or provisions of RID.
3. At this first meeting, the proactive spirit of cooperation led to the completion of a point by point analysis of the proposed check-list attached to document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2016/5.
4. A preliminary draft text was prepared, which will be further developed and analysed by the associations and Member States' experts in the next few months:
 - to establish only those steps which are directly referred to in RID;
 - to use the same terminology as used in RID, as far as possible;

- to avoid, as far as possible, creating any kind of direct or indirect restrictions for operational instructions and procedures (each operator must be free to organise its own procedures).
5. Based on the above, the following timetable was agreed:
- by the end of February 2017, all participants will provide comments and proposals on the proposed texts;
 - Italy will host a final session of the group during spring to prepare and approve the final text for the check-lists and to finalise the proposal to be submitted to the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group at its session in November 2017.
6. As many European Associations (EIGA, AEGPL, CEFIC) are involved in developing the document, Italy considers that at the end of the activities, the required "legal status" will be achieved.
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