RID: 8th Session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group  
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Subject: Development of UIC’s technical documentation

Proposal transmitted by the International Union of Railways (UIC)

Introduction

1. The technical documentation produced by UIC is evolving in line with the transformation taking place in the rail system, particularly changes in Europe over the past three decades. Much of this documentation is currently contained in around 700 UIC Leaflets. Some leaflets have been cancelled during this period, and others have been adapted, merged or converted to IRS (International Railway Solution). The IRS, a simplified example of which is provided in the appendix, will substitute UIC leaflets in time in the form of “best practices”, “guidelines”, “recommendations” and “requirements”, in line with legislation and established standards.

2. RID 2017 refers to 9 UIC Leaflets in relation to the carriage of dangerous goods. Two of these leaflets will be converted into IRS in the short term. They are: UIC Leaflet 471-3 "Inspections of dangerous goods consignments" and UIC Leaflet 201 "Carriage of dangerous goods – Emergency planning guidance for rail marshalling yards". The planned effective date for these new IRS aligns with that of RID 2019.

3. UIC Leaflet 471-3 (10th edition, January 2017), "Inspections of dangerous goods consignments", will be replaced with IRS 40471-3 – Best practices – Inspections of dangerous goods consignments. Except need for adaptation to the RID 2019, the contents of Point of UIC Leaflet 471-3 referred to in 1.4.2.2.1 of the RID 2017, will not be modified.

4. UIC Leaflet 201 (2nd edition, September 2012), "Carriage of dangerous goods – Emergency planning guidance for rail marshalling yards" will be replaced with IRS 20201 – Guideline – Carriage of dangerous goods – Emergency planning guidance for rail marshalling yards. The contents of this IRS, applicable from 1 January 2019, will be amended in relation to the content of the version of UIC Leaflet 201 dated 2 July 2012. Explanations and justifications are provided in informal document INF.5.
Proposal 1

5. **1.4.2.2.1** In the last paragraph, replace "of UIC Leaflet 471-3 O" with:

"of IRS 40471-3 – UIC Best practices".

In footnote 11, replace "of the UIC leaflet applicable as from 1 January 2017" with:

"of the IRS (International Railway Solution) applicable as from 1 January 2019".

Proposal 2

6. **1.11** In the last paragraph, replace "UIC Leaflet 201 (Carriage of dangerous goods – Emergency planning guidance for rail marshalling yards)" with:

"IRS 20201 – UIC Guideline (Carriage of dangerous goods – Emergency planning guidance for rail marshalling yards)".

In footnote 22, replace "Edition of 1 July 2012." with:

"Edition of 1 January 2019."
UIC International Railway Standard IRS 20201

Version 1, January 2019

“GUIDELINE”

Carriage of dangerous goods

Emergency planning for rail marshalling yards
Application:

With effect from 1 January 2019

“Best practices” recommended in RID 1.11

Record of updates:
