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(Utrecht, 20 to 24 November 2017)

Subject: Comments on document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2017/12 (Netherlands)

Information from Belgium

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1. In document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2017/12, the Netherlands points out the importance of the information on dangerous goods wagons in marshalling yards.

2. In Belgium, the infrastructure manager has developed an IT tool, called MERLIN, the purpose of which is to provide real time information regarding the presence and the specific location of dangerous goods wagons in marshalling yards.

3. The following information is available in this IT tool:
   - EVN (European vehicle number) of the wagon;
   - Track number;
   - Hazard identification and UN numbers;
   - Net mass;
   - Railway undertaking which is responsible for the wagon.

4. This information is always available to the emergency response services (via the infrastructure manager).
5. To limit input activities, MERLIN is linked to the IT tool for announcing the composition of trains. Each wagon of a train arriving in a station is detected and the data are transferred to MERLIN. Then, when the wagon is leaving the station in another train, the data are automatically removed from MERLIN. Manual intervention in MERLIN by an operator of the railway undertaking is only required in case of shunting in a station.

6. Please see the example at annex.
Gare: FELUY-ZONING
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**Voie train**

**LFLZ-Zoning**

1
Aucuns wagon RID

2
Aucuns wagon RID

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Aucuns wagon RID

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Aucuns wagon RID

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Aucuns wagon RID

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<th>N° du wagon</th>
<th>Masse totale (kg)</th>
<th>Nombre de RID</th>
<th>Poids net RID (kg)</th>
<th>QL</th>
<th>N° ONU</th>
<th>N° d'identification du danger</th>
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7
Aucuns wagon RID

Voie G2
Aucuns wagon RID

VARIA
Aucuns wagon RID