RID:  6th Session of the RID Committee of Experts’ standing working group  
(Berne, 23 and 24 May 2016)

Subject: Follow-up to report OTIF/RID/RC/2016-A – ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/142, paragraph 36 of the Joint Meeting in March 2016

Proposal transmitted by the European Association of dangerous goods Safety Advisers (EASA)

1. EASA proposed to the Joint Meeting in March 2016 to amend 1.8.3.1 of
   – RID/ADR/ADN by adding the word “consigning” before the word “carriage”; this proposal was adopted and will enter into force on 1 January 2019, with a transitional period of four years,
   – RID by inserting the words “or operating a tank-wagon”; the International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP) also proposed to include the words “handling or”; the Joint Meeting recommended that EASA should submit the proposal to the RID Committee of Experts.

2. As a consequence, EASA proposes to amend RID 1.8.3.1 as follows (amendment underlined):

   "1.8.3.1 Each undertaking, the activities of which include the consigning, carriage, or the related operations packing, loading, filling or unloading, of dangerous goods by rail or the handling or operation of a tank-wagon shall appoint one or more safety advisers, hereinafter referred to as “advisers”, for the carriage of dangerous goods, responsible for helping to prevent the risks inherent in such activities with regard to persons, property and the environment."