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Item 2 of the agenda: Tanks

Ascertainment of information on the expiry of holding times in the transport document when carrying refrigerated liquefied gases

Transmitted by the International Union of Railways (UIC)

Introduction

1. At the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Bern, 17 - 21 March 2014), new rules for determining holding times when carrying refrigerated liquefied gases in tanks were approved (see paragraph 11 of the report ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/134).
2. In this connection, paragraph 5.4.1.2.2 (d) is to include the following statements (see paragraphs 35-36 of the report of the Working Group on Tanks ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/134/Add.1):

ADR

"(d) In the case of tank-containers carrying refrigerated liquefied gases the consignor shall enter in the transport document the date (or time) by which the actual holding time will be exceeded."

RID

"(d) In the case of tank-wagons and tank-containers carrying refrigerated liquefied gases the consignor shall enter in the transport document the date (or time) by which the actual holding time will be exceeded."

- 3. UIC believes that, for the purpose of simplifying EDP and preventing misunderstandings, it would be advisable to prescribe a set wording for these entries in the transport document (including an actual format for entering the date) and that the date to enter would not, as initially planned, be the date (or time) by which the actual holding time is exceeded, but rather the date (or time) by which it ends.
- 4. Although a specific time at which the holding time will be exceeded is derived from the calculation of the actual holding time (day, month, year, hour), because of the inaccuracies that exist and in order to reflect practice in transport, only the date, and not the hour, should be indicated in the transport document.

Proposal

- 5. Amend the new ADR 5.4.1.2.2 (d) to read as follows:

"(d) In the case of tank-containers carrying refrigerated liquefied gases the consignor shall enter in the transport document the date at which the actual holding time ends, in the following format:

"End of holding time: (DD/MM/YYYY)".

- 6. Amend the new RID 5.4.1.2.2 (d) to read as follows:

"(d) In the case of tank-wagons and tank-containers carrying refrigerated liquefied gases the consignor shall enter in the transport document the date at which the actual holding time ends, in the following format:

"End of holding time: (DD/MM/YYYY)".

Consequential amendment

- 7. In the new 4.3.3.5, amend the sentence after the Note to read as follows:

"The date at which the actual holding time ends shall be provided on the transport document (see 5.4.1.2.2. (d))."

Open point

- 8. For UIC, the question arises as to whether the provisions concerning the holding time that have already been adopted also apply to empty, uncleaned tanks.
