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TANKS

Arrangement for the further use of tanks built in accordance
with a type approval that has been withdrawn

Transmitted by the International Union of Private Wagons (UIP)^{1,2}

History

1. The ECMA document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2009/3 (OTIF/RID/RC/2009/3) with regard to the validity period of tank approvals was partly adopted during the last Joint Meeting. Herein it is stated that following any significant amendment in standards referenced in the requirements, type approvals will be reassessed regarding their conformity and will be withdrawn if necessary at an appointed date or their validity period will expire automatically after 10 years, unless the holder of the type approval requires for its extension.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2006-2010 (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1, programme activity 02.7 (c)).

² Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2009/34.

2. From the point of view of UIP, the matter of further use of those tanks built before the expiry of the validity period of a type approval in accordance with its requirements is not regulated. Hence, UIP proposes to include a new sub-section in 1.6.3 regulating this matter.

Proposal

3. Insert a new sub-section 1.6.3.x to read as follows:

"Tank-wagons and battery-wagons	Fixed tanks (tank-vehicles), demountable tanks and battery-vehicles
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with tanks built before the expiry of the validity period of the type approval or its withdrawal, may be used without any restriction until any significant amendment to RID/ADR or standards referenced herein do not longer allow their further use. In this case the transitional measures regarding the further use of these tanks that, in this particular case, will have to be included in Chapter 1.6 of RID/ADR, apply."

Justification

4. By this text it will be ensured that the use of tanks built in accordance with a withdrawn or expired type approval may be continued without any restriction until any significant amendments to RID/ADR or referenced standards cease to allow the unrestricted continuation of their use. Since in this case corresponding transitional measures have to be explicitly defined by the Joint Meeting, there is no conflict to the text proposed by UIP.

5. If there is no corresponding text, the risk occurs that in consequence of the expiry of an approval or its withdrawal the operation license of tanks built in accordance with their requirements will also expire.
