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Tanks

Application of standards EN 14432 and EN 14433 listed in 6.8.2.6

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Introduction

1. Since 1 January 2011, standards EN 14432 and EN 14433 have been mandatory for the approval of tanks in accordance with RID/ADR Chapter 6.8. At the last session of the Joint Meeting in Geneva in September 2011, Germany submitted document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2011/39 (OTIF/RID/RC/2011/39), which reported on various problems with the practical application of standards EN 14432 and EN 14433 and which contained a proposal for a transitional provision to resolve these problems.

2. The document was dealt with at the tank working group together with an editorially amended proposal from Switzerland (informal document INF.6) and with reference to multilateral special agreements M242 and RID 7/2011. After the proposal was adopted at the tank working group, the Joint Meeting rejected the inclusion of a transitional provision by a small majority. Formal and legal reasons were given against including a transitional provision, but no safety objections were raised.

3. At the suggestion of the International Union of Private Wagons (UIP), this subject was again discussed at the fiftieth session of the RID Committee of Experts on the

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2010-2014 (ECE/TRANS/208, para.106, ECE/TRANS/2010/8, programme activity 02.7(c)).

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Transport of Dangerous Goods (Malmö, 21 – 25 November 2011) (see also document OTIF/RID/CE/2011/8 and paragraphs 78 to 80 and Annex I of the draft report OTIF/RID/CE/2011-A), and after some editorial amendments a transitional provision for tank-wagons was adopted as follows:

"**1.6.3.x** Tank-wagons constructed before 1 January 2012 in accordance with the requirements in force up to 31 December 2012, but which do not however conform to the requirements of 6.8.2.6 relating to standards EN 14432:2006 and EN 14433:2006 applicable as from 1 January 2011, may still be used."

Proposal

4. Germany proposes that the text of the transitional provision adopted by the RID Committee of Experts also be adopted for tank-vehicles and tank-containers.
