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Reference to standard EN 14841 in the Notes to RID 1.4.3.3 and 1.4.3.7.1

Transmitted by the Secretariat of OTIF

Introduction

1. The Working Group on Standards had submitted informal document INF.4 to the Joint Meeting (Berne, 14-18 March 2022) with the report on the 34th session of the Standards Working Group.

2. Paragraph 4 of this report contains the following proposal:

“4 Future Proposal for EN 14841

The Working Group on Standards examined prEN 14841 *LPG equipment and accessories - Discharge procedures for LPG rail tankers*. This standard is still under development so is not ready for referencing. However, it concerns the filling and unloading of rail tanks with LPG. There are few requirements for these activities and most occur in section 1.4.3 of RID. The Working Group has therefore suggested the following draft amendments to RID.

– Add the following sentence to the existing NOTE in 1.4.3.3 of RID:

“EN 14841:202x provides guidance on filling tank-wagons with LPG.”

– Add the following sentence to the existing NOTE in 1.4.3.7.1 of RID:

“EN 14841:202x provides guidance on unloading LPG from tank-wagons.”

The Working Group would welcome comments from the experts of RID as to the suitability of this method of referencing this standard in this way.”

3. At the Joint Meeting, the Working Group on Standards was of the view that this standard, which is currently only available in a draft version, could be referred to in the 2023 edition of RID, as it only contains guidelines and is not mandatory.

4. The OTIF Secretariat had submitted document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2022/2 to the 14th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group, to which draft standard EN 14841 was attached. The standing working group was to check whether a reference to this standard, which is expected to be published in June 2023, could be included in the 2023 edition of RID.

5. The discussion revealed that standard EN 14841 was not yet ready for a reference in RID. The OTIF Secretariat was asked to submit the result of the discussion back to the Joint Meeting's working group on standards.

6. The following is an extract from the report of the 14th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2022-A).

Reference to standard EN 14841 in the Notes to RID 1.4.3.3 and 1.4.3.7.1.

Document: [OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2022/2](#) (Secretariat)

12. Document 2022/2 reflected a proposal by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting's working group on standards also to refer in the Notes to RID 1.4.3.3 and RID 1.4.3.7.1 to standard EN 14841, which was still to be published and which contains guidelines for filling and emptying tank-wagons with LPG.

13. The representative of the United Kingdom pointed out that in various places in the draft standard, the terms “ADR” (foreword, 5.2.1.11, 5.2.3.7 and bibliography) and “tank-vehicle” (5.2.1.11) were mentioned, although according to its title, the standard only applied to tank-wagons. The representative of UIP criticised the fact that information from the checklists referred to in 1.4.3.3 and 1.4.3.7.1 had not been included in the standard. Furthermore, representatives of the railways and EIGA had not been involved in the standardisation work.

14. The working group decided not to take a decision on including a reference to this standard in RID until it had been published. Irrespective of this, this standard could also be applied on a voluntary basis without its being referenced in RID. The Secretariat was asked to report the outcome of the discussion to the Joint Meeting's working group on standards.
