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##### Interpretation of RID/ADR/ADN

### Use of vacuum-operated waste tanks

#### Transmitted by the Government of the Netherlands<sup>1,2</sup>

##### *Summary*

**Executive summary:** Interpretation of 4.5.1.1 of RID/ADR.

**Decision to be taken:** Interpretation.

**Related documents:** Informal document INF 12 presented at the March 2000 session; TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/80 paragraphs 49-50 and TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/80/Add.5, amendments to Chapter 4.5; TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/11 (Germany), and informal documents INF 8 and INF 40 presented at the March 2002 session; TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/88 paragraphs 78-83; TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/31 (UIC); TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/92 paragraph 18 and TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/92/Add.1 item 10; Informal document INF 26 (Netherlands) presented at the September 2007 session; ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/108 paragraph 17 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/108/Add.1 paragraphs 39 -41

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<sup>1</sup> 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)).

<sup>2</sup> Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2012/13.

1. Subsection 4.5.1.1 regulates the use of vacuum-operated waste tanks.
2. Below the text of subsection 4.5.1.1 (ADR/RID) is given:

"4.5.1.1 Wastes consisting of substances in Classes 3, 4.1, 5.1, 6.1, 6.2, 8 and 9 may be carried in vacuum-operated waste tanks conforming to Chapter 6.10 if their carriage in (ADR only: fixed tanks, demountable tanks,) tank-containers or tank swap bodies is permitted according to Chapter 4.3. Substances assigned to tank code L4BH in Column (12) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 or to another tank code permitted under the hierarchy in 4.3.4.1.2 may be carried in vacuum operated waste tanks with the letter "A" or "B" in part 3 of the tank code (ADR only:, as indicated in No. 9.5 of the vehicle approval certificate conforming to 9.1.3.5)."
3. Because in practice 4.5.1.1 seems not to be clear for everyone, we would like to have confirmation on how to interpret 4.5.1.1:
  - (a) According to 4.5.1.1 the use of vacuum operated tanks is restricted to waste.
  - (b) The second sentence does not restrict the use of vacuum-operated waste tanks to substances assigned to tank code L4BH in Column (12) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 or to another tank code permitted under the hierarchy in 4.3.4.1.2.

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