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**To the participants in the exchange of experiences for recognised experts in
accordance with RID 6.8.2.4.6**

**Invitation to the next meeting in Berne,
13 May 2008**

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At the 44th session of the RID Committee of Experts (Zagreb, 19 – 23 November 2007), it was decided to hold a one-day exchange of experiences for experts in accordance with 6.8.2.4.6 in May/June 2008 on condition that sufficient proposals for topics for discussion were submitted to the Secretariat.

The Czech Republic, Germany, Spain and Sweden have submitted proposals for topics for discussion. An exchange of experiences for experts in accordance with 6.8.2.4.6 will therefore be held on 13 May 2008 before the meeting of the working group on tank and vehicle technology (14 and 15 May 2008) and before the 45th session of the RID Committee of Experts (16 May 2008).

The meeting will be held at the headquarters of OTIF in Berne. A map showing the location of OTIF can be found under http://www.otif.org/otif/epdf/dir_droit_2007/OTIF_map.pdf.

The meeting will begin on **13 May 2008** at **10.00** and will finish at **17.00**.

A provisional agenda is attached at annex.

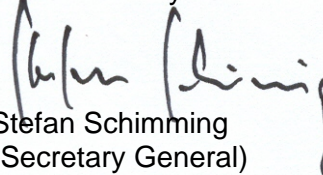
Simultaneous interpretation into English will be provided at the meeting.

At the 43rd session of the RID Committee of Experts (Helsinki, 2 – 5 October 2006), Mr Stefan Dernbach was elected chairman of the exchange of experiences (see report OTIF/RID/CE/2006-A, paragraph 79).

According to paragraph 54 of the report OTIF/RID/CE/EE/2006-A of the last exchange of experiences for experts (Leipzig, 29 and 30 August 2006), at least one representative of the competent authority should take part in the exchange of experience, who could then disseminate information further in his country, and if possible an expert with practical experience.

If you wish to take part in this exchange of experiences, you must register your attendance by **no later than 30 April 2008** using the attached registration form.

Yours faithfully



Stefan Schimming
(Secretary General)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA
for the exchange of experiences for experts in accordance with 6.8.2.4.6
(Berne, 13 May 2008)

1. Welcome and adoption of the agenda
2. Tank codes
 - 2.1 Tank codes for tanks with a calculation pressure and test pressure of 4 bar and a safety valve set at 2.5 bar (document OTIF/RID/CE/EE/2008/1)
 - 2.2 The design of the flame trap on LGBF and references to relevant standards
 - 2.3 The selection of a tank on tank-code and other criteria
3. Standards
 - 3.1 Unification of EN standards and RID (document OTIF/RID/CE/EE/2008/1)
 - 3.2 Application of standard EN 14025 "Tanks for transport of dangerous goods. Metallic pressure tanks. Design and construction"
 - 3.2.1 Use of materials in conjunction with standard EN 13445
 - 3.2.2 Demonstrating resistance to external excess pressure in conjunction with standard EN 13445 (document OTIF/RID/CE/EE/2008/4)
 - 3.2.3 Size of inspection openings (document OTIF/RID/CE/EE/2008/3)
 - 3.2.4 EN standards for pieces of equipment
4. Inspections
 - 4.1 Internal inspection of the condition of tank-wagons in the course of the intermediate inspections and the periodic inspections (document OTIF/RID/CE/EE/2008/2)
 - 4.2 External inspection of the condition of the tank-wagon and determination of acceptable level of corrosion
 - 4.3 Negative inspections (document OTIF/RID/CE/EE/2008/1)
 - 4.4 Member States' schedules of fees for tests and inspections in accordance with RID 6.8.2.4 and 6.8.3.4
5. Earth connection between the bogie and the superstructure and the bogie axles (criteria) (document OTIF/RID/CE/EE/2008/2)
6. Dealing with modifications to/refurbishment of tanks
7. Rounding up/down the filling weight (document OTIF/RID/CE/EE/2008/1)
8. Tank approval numbering systems in the Member States
9. Tank-wagon documentation (document OTIF/RID/CE/EE/2008/1)
10. Sovereign tasks (document OTIF/RID/CE/EE/2008/1)

11. Organisation of future work
12. Any other business

DOCUMENTATION

- Report on the last exchange of experiences for experts in accordance with 6.8.2.4.6 (Leipzig, 29 and 30 August 2006) (document OTIF/RID/CE/EE/2006-A)
 - Document OTIF/RID/CE/EE/2008/1 (Czech Republic) – proposed topics for discussion
 - Document OTIF/RID/CE/EE/2008/2 (Spain) – proposed topics for discussion
 - Document OTIF/RID/CE/EE/2008/3 (Germany) – Size of inspection openings
 - Document OTIF/RID/CE/EE/2008/4 (Germany) – Demonstrating resistance to external excess pressure in conjunction with standard EN 13445
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