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# TO THE MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF OTIF AND TO REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE ACCEDED TO COTIF

### Invitation and provisional agenda

(see UNECE documents ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/171 of 5 December 2023 and .../171/Add.1 of 9 January 2024)

We are pleased to invite you to the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the UNECE Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, which will be held from 25 – 28 March 2024 at the headquarters of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), Weltpoststrasse 4 in Bern (beginning on Monday, 25 March 2024 at 10.00 a.m.).

#### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- 1. Adoption of the agenda
- 2. Tanks
- 3. Standards
- 4. Interpretation of RID/ADR/ADN
- 5. Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN
  - (a) Pending issues
  - (b) New proposals
- 6. Reports of informal working groups
- 7. Accidents and risk management
- 8. United Nations 2030 Agenda for sustainable development
- 9. Future work
- 10. Any other business
- 11. Adoption of the report

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#### EXPLANATORY REMARKS

#### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The first item on the agenda concerns its adoption. The Joint Meeting will also have before it the report on its autumn 2023 session, held in Geneva, 19 to 27 September 2023 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/170 – OTIF/RID/RC/2023-B and Add.1).

The following points should be borne in mind:

- (a) At its autumn 2023 session, the Joint Meeting elected Ms. S. García Wolfrum (Spain) as Chair and Mr. S. Mahesh (Netherlands) as Vice-Chair for 2024.
- (b) Documents published in German by the Secretariat of OTIF (other than invitations and reports) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/ are circulated by the UNECE in English, French and Russian under the symbol ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/, followed by the same document number. As part of the secretariat's efforts to reduce expenditure, documents will not be available in the conference room. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to the meeting.

- (c) The documentation will be available on the <u>UNECE website</u> in English, French and Russian and on the <u>OTIF website</u> in German.
- (d) The Joint Meeting would, if necessary, like an ad hoc working group to meet outside the times of the plenary session to consider documents concerning standards (item 3), in accordance with the mandate to be decided by the Joint Meeting.
- (e) Due to the meeting being shortened by one day, the Working Group on Tanks will hold an online meeting on 26 and 27 February 2024 to discuss the documents under agenda item 2 (Tanks). If necessary, the meeting will be continued on 1 March 2024. The Working Group on Tanks will submit its report to the Joint Meeting in an informal document. Delegates wishing to attend the Working Group on Tanks meeting are kindly requested to contact Mr. A. Bale (United Kingdom) (Arne.Bale@socotec.com).
- (f) Friday, 29 March 2024, is a public holiday in various Contracting States/ Contracting Parties. To enable delegates to travel home on Thursday, 28 March 2024, the Secretariat has decided, in consultation with the Chair, to conclude the meeting on Thursday by 1:30 p.m. at the latest. The reading of the report (agenda item 11) is therefore scheduled for Thursday morning with interpretation.
- (g) For the participation in this meeting, it is necessary that you register using the <u>online form</u> by **8 March 2024 at the latest.**

#### 2. Tanks

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/1 (UIP)	Inspection of tanks for which the specified date for
	the intermediate inspection has passed
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/18	Exemption for calculating of actual holding time
(Netherlands)	for tank-containers and portable tanks for road
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/26 (UIC)	Clarification of the role of the consignor in the
	expedition of tank-wagons, tank-containers and
	portable tanks for the carriage of refrigerated
	liquefied gases (loaded and empty uncleaned)

#### 3. Standards

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/9 (CEN)	Information on the work of the Working Group
	on Standards

#### 4. Interpretation of RID/ADR/ADN

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/21 (Germany)	Carriage under temperature control –
	requirements according to ADR/ADN 7.1.7.4.2

#### 5. Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN

#### (a) Pending issues

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ <b>2024/3</b> (LGE)	Note to accompany the new graph at the end of packing instruction P200 in 4.1.4.1
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ <b>2024/7</b> (CEPE)	Paints and printing inks classified as environmentally hazardous mixtures (UN 3082 of Class 9) and the requirements for performance tests related to packaging of small quantities

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/11 (LGE)	Revised definition of liquefied petroleum gas
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/25	Harmonization of RID/ADR/ADN with the
(Secretariat)	United Nations Recommendations on the
	Transport of Dangerous Goods

## (b) New proposals

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/2 (Spain)	Filling of multiple-element gas containers
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ <b>2024/4</b> (EIGA)	Modification of transitional measures for
	acetylene cylinder marking
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/5 (Russia)	Proposal for amendments to paragraph 6.8.2.1.27
	and section 7.5.10
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/6 (Russia)	Proposal for amendments to section 1.2.1 of
	Annex A to the ADR Agreement
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ <b>2024/8</b> (EIGA)	New transitional measures for portable tanks in
ECL/TRANS/WT.15/AC.1/2024/0 (EIGA)	6.7
ECE/TD ANG/WD 15/AC 1/2024/10 (Einland)	
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/10 (Finland)	Dangerous goods transport document: 5.4.1.1.3.1
	Special provisions for wastes, addition of
	technical names
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ <b>2024/12</b> (EIGA)	Modification of requirements for non-UN
	acetylene cylinder marking
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/13 (EIGA)	Modification of the requirements for pressure
	receptacles authorised by the United States of
	America Department of Transportation
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/14	Definition of "closed vehicle" in 1.2.1 of ADR
(Netherlands)	
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/17 +	Proposal for amendment to packing instruction
<b>INF.6</b> (LGE)	P200 in 4.1.4.1 of RID/ADR to permit the interval
	between the periodic inspection of Liquefied
	Petroleum Gas cylinders manufactured according
	to EN 14140 to be extended from 10 to 15 years
ECE/TDANS/WD 15/AC $1/2024/10$ (ECMA)	
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/19 (ECMA)	Pressure receptacles that are constructed in
	accordance with EN 17339
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ <b>2024/20</b> (ECMA)	Pressure vessels that are constructed to a design
	code recognised by a national competent authority
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/22 (Sweden)	Transport of animal material containing infectious
	substances (UN 3373)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/24	Correction of the English term "load
(Switzerland)	compartment" in the French and German versions
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## 6. Reports of informal working groups

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/23 +	Report on the third and fourth meetings of the
INF.7 (Germany, IRU)	informal working group on e-learning
INF.4 (EIGA)	Report from intersessional working group on test
	periods for battery-vehicles filled in accordance
	with packing instruction P200

#### 7. Accidents and risk management

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ <b>2024/15</b> (France)	Report of the meeting on the improvement of transport of dangerous goods occurrence reporting, held on 23 and 24 October 2023
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/16 (France)	Improvement of the report on occurrences relating to the carriage of dangerous goods (amendments in 1.8.5.1, 1.8.5.2 and 1.8.5.4)

#### 8. United Nations 2030 Agenda for sustainable development

No document has been submitted under this agenda item.

#### 9. Future work

The Joint Meeting may wish to make arrangements for the agenda of the autumn 2024 session (Geneva, 9 - 13 September 2024).

#### **10.** Any other business

No document has been submitted under this agenda item.

#### **11.** Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, the Joint Meeting will adopt the report of the session on the basis of a draft established by the secretariat.

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#### **Train tickets**

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Yours sincerely

(Wolfgang Küpper) Secretary General

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- The railway undertakings with the request to honour the free travel referred to above.