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**RID Committee of Experts' standing
working group**

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**TO THE MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATED MEMBERS OF OTIF
AND TO REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS THAT HAVE ACCEDED TO
COTIF**

**16th Session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group
(London, 20 to 23 November 2023)**

1. At its 15th session (Berne/hybrid, 23 and 24 November 2022), the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group agreed to hold its 16th session from 20 to 24 November 2023 (see report [OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2022-B](#), paragraph 39).
2. On the basis of the documents available so far, the Secretariat and the Chair decided to shorten the meeting by one day.
3. Following the global recovery from the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic, it was decided to return to normal business and organise the meetings of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group as in-person meetings only.

TIME OF THE MEETING

4. The 16th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group will be held from 20 to 23 November 2023. **The meeting will start at 14.00 GMT on 20 November 2023 and will end at 17.30 GMT on 23 November 2023.**

VENUE

5. The meeting will be held at:

The Ambassadors Bloomsbury Hotel
12 Upper Woburn Place
London
WC1H 0HX

The hotel is situated close to the Euston, King's Cross and St Pancras train stations, making it easy to travel to the hotel by Eurostar or from Heathrow Airport.

HOTELS

6. The delegation of the United Kingdom has pre-booked ten rooms at this hotel at the following special rates:

Sunday, 19 November 2023:	£ 169.00
Monday, 20 November 2023:	£ 219.00
Tuesday, 21 November 2023:	£ 249.00
Wednesday, 22 November 2023:	£ 249.00
Thursday, 23 November 2023:	£ 219.00
Friday, 24 November 2023:	£ 189.00

These prices include breakfast and VAT and apply to a double room with single occupancy.

The rooms can be booked at the above prices until Friday, 20 October 2023 at the following e-mail address or telephone number:

reservations@ambassadors.co.uk

Tel: +44 (0) 207 693 5400

RULES OF PROCEDURE

7. In accordance with Article 22 § 3 of the [RID Committee of Experts' Rules of Procedure](#), the Rules of Procedure will be applied analogously at meetings of the working groups.
8. In connection with Article 5 § 2 of these Rules of Procedure, the RID Committee of Experts decided to invite the same organisations and associations to the meetings of the RID Committee of Experts as are invited to the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting.
9. In accordance with Article 11 § 3 of the Rules of Procedure, official proposals must be submitted by no later than **6 October 2023**.

LANGUAGES

10. The working languages will be English, French and German. There will be consecutive interpretation into German and French and simultaneous interpretation into English.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

11. Based on the information and proposals available so far, the Secretariat of OTIF proposes the following provisional agenda:

ITEM 1: Approval of the agenda

ITEM 2: Presence

ITEM 3: Harmonisation with the 23rd edition of the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

ITEM 4: Interpretation of RID

ITEM 5: Proposals to amend RID

a) Pending issues

b) New proposals

ITEM 6: Recommendations of the Joint Coordinating Group of Experts

ITEM 7: Harmonisation of RID and SMGS Annex 2

ITEM 8: Information from the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA)

ITEM 9: Any other business

COMMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION

12. The [official working documents](#) and [informal documents](#) for this session of the standing working group can be downloaded from OTIF's website.

13. The following topics should be discussed under the various items of the agenda. Further topics may be added on the basis of documents still to be received:

ITEM 2: Even though Article 20 (Quorum) of the Rules of Procedure does not apply to the meeting of this working group, it is requested that as many RID Contracting States as possible take part in order to obtain results that are likely to achieve majority support so that they can be adopted at the 58th session of the RID Committee of Experts in May 2024.

At the 6th session, Ms Caroline Bailleux (Belgium) was elected to chair this standing working group until further notice. At the 10th session, Mr Othmar Krammer (Austria) was elected as Deputy Chair until further notice.

ITEM 3: So far the following document has been submitted for this agenda item:

OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2023/2 (Secretariat)	113 th Session of WP.15 (Geneva, 15 - 17 May 2023)
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After the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (Geneva, 19 - 27 September 2023), the Secretariat will produce a consolidated document with all the texts adopted by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting in 2022 and 2023.

The Secretariat will also prepare a document containing the decisions of the 114th session of WP.15 (Geneva, 6 - 10 November 2023) which might have an impact on RID.

ITEM 4: So far the following document has been submitted for this agenda item:

OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2023/1 (Secretariat)	Placarding of swap bodies
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ITEM 5 a): So far, no documents are available for this agenda item.

ITEM 5 b): So far the following documents have been submitted for this agenda item:

OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2023/3 (UIC)	Amendment of the reference to UIC Leaflet 472 in 1.4.2.2.7 (obligation of the carrier to inform the driver of the position of dangerous goods in the train)
OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2023/4 (UIC)	Amendment of the provisions for shunting marks in 5.3.4.1
OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2023/5 (Germany and Secretariat)	Inclusion of provisions for the carriage of molten aluminium of UN number 3257

ITEM 6: On this agenda item, the Secretariat will prepare document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2023/6 containing the recommendations of the Joint Coordinating Group of Experts adopted on 6 September 2023.

ITEM 7: So far, no documents are available for this agenda item.

ITEM 8: ERA will submit information on this standing agenda item in an informal document. The Member States are asked to make any requests concerning the content of the information from ERA via the Secretariat.

ITEM 9: So far, no documents are available for this agenda item.

REGISTRATION

14. Delegates are asked to register their attendance **by no later than 3 November 2023** using the [online form](#).

TRAVEL TICKETS

15. Those delegates who intend travelling by train are asked to contact the relevant railway networks directly to obtain any facilitated transport services.

Yours faithfully

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(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General

cc:

- interested international organisations and associations, as an invitation
- railway undertakings, with the request to honour the above-mentioned free travel