ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
(Bern, 24-28 March 2003)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SESSION*

to be held at the headquarters of the Universal Postal Union (UPU),
4, Weltpoststrasse, Bern,
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 24 March 2003

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Tanks
3. Standards
4. Miscellaneous proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN

* See letter A 81-02/501.2003 from the Central Office for International Carriage by Rail (OCTI).
5. Harmonization with the United Nations Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

6. Safety in the transport of dangerous goods

7. Future work

8. Miscellaneous

9. Adoption of the report

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The provisional timetable for the plenary session is as follows:

Monday 24 March 2003, morning: Items 1, 2 and 3
afternoon: Items 2 and 4

Tuesday 25 March 2003: Item 4

Wednesday 26 March 2003: Items 2 (possibly) and 4

Thursday 27 March 2003, morning: Items 4, 5 and 6
afternoon: Items 3, 7 and 8

Friday 28 March 2003: Item 9 (without interpretation)

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption. The Joint Meeting will also have before it the report on the September 2002 session (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/90-OCTI/RID/GT-III/2002-B and addenda).

The following points should be borne in mind:

(a) At its last session in 2002, the Joint Meeting elected Mr. C. Pfauvadel (France) as Chairman and Mr. H. Rein (Germany) as Vice-Chairman for 2003;

(b) UN/ECE documents (other than agendas or reports) with the symbol TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ are circulated by OCTI in German under the symbol OCTI/RID/GT-III/ followed by the same document number. As part of the secretariat’s efforts to reduce expenditure, documents distributed prior to the session by mail will not be available in the conference room for distribution to session participants. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to the meeting;
(c) The documentation will be available on the UN/ECE web site (www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm) in English, French and Russian;

(d) The Joint Meeting would possibly, if necessary, like an ad hoc working group to meet concurrently with it on 24 and 25 March to consider documents concerning tanks (item 2), after the item has been discussed in plenary;

(e) An ad hoc working group is scheduled to work 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 (see TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/88-OCTI/RID/GT-III/2002-A, paras. 94 and 95).

A first meeting of this group will be held from 14 to 16 January 2003 to consider standards and draft standards for gas receptacles and tanks (see TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/90-OCTI/RID/GT-III/2002-B, para. 22).

2. TANKS

Reference documents:

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/90/Add.2 (Report of the working group which met during the last session)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/1 (Germany) Protection of shut-off devices on battery vehicles/battery wagons intended for the carriage of compressed gases - Chapter 6.10

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/12 (Working group on tanks INF.12) Vacuum-operated waste tanks - 6.8.3.10.9

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/13 (Netherlands) Periodic inspection of fibre-reinforced plastics (FRP) tanks - Chapter 6.9

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/19 (Germany) Rear protection of battery vehicles with tubes

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/31 (UIC) Chapter 4.5 - Use of vacuum-operated waste tanks

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/33 (UIC) Chapters 4.2 and 6.7 - UN portable tanks

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/34 (Belgium) Safety equipment on hermetic tanks

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/36 (France) Transitional measure for TE1

INF.4 (Germany) Tanks - Item 2 - Section 6.10.4
3. STANDARDS

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/90/Add.3 (Procedure of cooperation with CEN)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/14 (CEN)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/24 (AEGPL)

TRANS/WP.15/2002/16 (CEN)

Informal documents submitted at the September 2002 session: INF.4, 5, 6 and 8 (CEN), INF.7 (AEGPL)

Report of the working group to be held in Bonn (Germany) in January 2003.

4. MISCELLANEOUS PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

Part 1

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/18 (AEGPL) 1.1.3.2 (f)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/30 (UIC/UIR) 1.1.4.2

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/29 (UIC/UIR) 1.2.1 - Definition of boiling point

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/5 (Liechtenstein) Clarification of the text of section 1.3.3: Documentation

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/15 (Yugoslavia) Chapter 1.4 and miscellaneous

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/26 (IRU) 1.8.3 Safety adviser

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/3 (Liechtenstein) 1.8.3.16 Safety adviser

Part 2

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/38 (CEFIC) Definition of packing group III (Class 3)

Chapter 3.3

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/11 (United Kingdom) Hot air balloons

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/23 (Netherlands) Paint residues

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/25 (Germany) Lithium batteries
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5. **HARMONIZATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS MODEL REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**


As agreed at the last session (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/90, para. 72 and TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/89, item 9), the secretariat will prepare proposals for the harmonization of RID/ADR/ADN on the basis of the decisions taken by the United Nations Committee of Experts. These proposals will receive preliminary consideration from a small working group of the Joint Meeting which will meet in Geneva, at the Palais des Nations, from 26 to 28 May 2003, and will prepare the final documents to be considered by the Joint Meeting in September 2003.

The Joint Meeting may possibly wish to determine the composition of this small working group.

6. **SAFETY IN THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

7. **FUTURE WORK**

(see document TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/89, item 9)
8. MISCELLANEOUS

UIC/UIR has submitted an explanatory document on the systematic presentation of Table A of RID/ADR/ADN (informal document INF.3).

The representative of France intends to present a database on accidents with a view to future cooperation among Contracting Parties in preparing international statistics, provided that the development of the database is sufficiently advanced.

9. 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 prepared by the secretariat.