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### Inland Transport Committee

### Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

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#### Programme of work

## Programme of work 2016-2017

### Note by the secretariat<sup>1</sup>

### Introduction

1. The secretariat reproduces hereafter the draft programme of work for 2016-2017 prepared in accordance with the programme of work adopted by the Inland Transport Committee at its seventy-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/2014/23). The deletions and insertions are displayed.
2. The Working Party is invited to endorse this programme of work before submission to the Inland Transport Committee.

### English version

#### Cluster 9

#### Transport of dangerous goods (UNECE)

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
Consideration of regulations and technical questions concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods in the region. Preparation	Adoption of amendments to ADR and, through joint

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2014-2015 (ECE/TRANS/240, para. 100, ECE/TRANS/2014/23, cluster 9, para.9.1).

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
<p>of new international agreements and harmonization and amendment of existing agreements in this field to enhance safety and security at the same time as contributing to the protection of the environment and facilitating trade, in cooperation with the Economic and Social Council's Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.</p>	<p>activities carried out with the Intergovernmental Organization for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) and the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR), to RID and ADN respectively, intended to maintain the necessary level of safety, security and protection of the environment in a uniform, harmonized and coherent system of transport of dangerous goods regulations based on the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, and effective implementation through international and national legislation.</p>
<p>Main actions by the Transport Division:</p>	<p>[ Development of recommendations and/or guidelines based on the road map <del>on how to set up the administrative structures required</del> for implementation of ADR adopted at the ninety-third session of the Working Party.]</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing secretariat services to:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the UNECE Inland Transport Committee Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15), which addresses mainly issues related to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) which are specific to road transport (construction and approval of vehicles, operation of vehicles, driver training, safety in road tunnels, etc.),</li> <li>2. the Joint Meeting of WP.15 and the RID Committee of Experts ("RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting") (WP.15/AC.1) (in cooperation with the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) secretariat), for all matters common to the three modes of inland transport, such as classification, listing, packagings, tanks, freight containers,</li> <li>3. the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (ADN Safety Committee) (WP.15/AC.2) and the ADN Administrative Committee (in cooperation with the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR)), for all matters specific to inland navigation, such as construction and approval of inland navigation vessels, carriage in tank-vessels, operation of vessels, training and examination of crew, etc.,</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Administering ADR and ADN (cooperation with UN Treaty Section, consolidation and checking of legal texts, amendments, depositary notifications, registration and notification of bilateral or multilateral agreements concluded by Parties by derogation to the requirements of ADR or ADN, special authorizations, etc.)</li> <li>• Publication of consolidated versions of ADR and ADN every two years,</li> <li>• Cooperation with governments and international organizations,</li> <li>• Providing technical advice and training, or participating in conferences, seminars and workshops for technical assistance or awareness-raising (upon request and as resources allow).</li> </ul>	

- **Outputs/activities**

- (a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

- 9.1 Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (~~96th-100th~~ and ~~97th-101st~~ sessions in ~~2014~~2016, ~~98th-102nd~~ and ~~99th-103rd~~ sessions in ~~2015~~2017) (~~40-36~~ meetings)

*Documentation:*

Reports of the sessions (4); two series of documents concerning amendments to the technical annexes of ADR or implementation of ADR; consolidated list of all the amendments to ADR which will be adopted for entry into force on 1 January ~~2015~~2017.

- 9.2 Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Spring and Autumn sessions in ~~2014~~2016, Spring and Autumn sessions in ~~2015~~2017) (48 meetings)

*Documentation:*

Reports of the sessions (4); two series of documents concerning amendments to ADR, RID and ADN.

- 9.3 Joint Meeting of experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (~~44th-28th~~ and ~~45th-29th~~ sessions in ~~2014~~2016, ~~46th-30th~~ and ~~47th-31st~~ sessions in ~~2015~~2017) (36 meetings).

*Documentation:*

Reports of the sessions (4); two series of documents concerning amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN or implementation of ADN.

- 9.4 Administrative Committee of the ADN (~~12th-16th~~ and ~~13th-17th~~ sessions in ~~2014~~2016, ~~14th-18th~~ and ~~15th-19th~~ sessions in ~~2015~~2017) (4 meetings)

*Documentation:*

Reports of the sessions (4); two series of documents concerning amendments or administration of ADN; consolidated list of all the amendments to ADN which will be adopted for entry into force on 1 January ~~2015~~2017.

- (b) *Publications and other information material*

- 9.5 Consolidated ~~2015-2017~~ revised edition of ADR (applicable as from 1 January ~~2015~~2017) (Book, CD-Rom and internet version).

- 9.6 Consolidated ~~2015-2017~~ revised edition of ADN (applicable as from 1 January ~~2015~~2017) (Book, CD-Rom and internet version).

- 9.7 Publication of information and legal data related to ADR and ADN (Status of the Agreement, Competent authorities, Instructions in writing, Notifications, Bilateral or Multilateral agreements, special authorizations, etc...) on website.<sup>2</sup>

- (c) *Technical cooperation*

- 9.8 Legal and technical assistance to Contracting Parties to ADR and ADN for effective implementation, as well as to ECE or non-ECE countries interested in accession.

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<sup>2</sup> [www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.html)

- 9.9 Cooperation with governments and international organizations: providing technical advice and training, or participating in conferences, seminars and workshops for technical assistance or awareness-raising (upon request and as resources allow).
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