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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

List of documents under agenda item

1. Adoption of the agenda

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/250/Rev.1 (Secretariat)	Provisional agenda for the 108th session
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/250/Add.1/Rev.1 (Secretariat)	Annotations and list of documents
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Background documents

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1 (Secretariat)	Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Working Party
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/248 (Secretariat)	Report of the Working Party on its 107th session (Geneva, 11–15 November 2019)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/249, -/Corr.1 and -/Add.1	Draft amendments to annexes A and B of ADR
ECE/TRANS/300	ADR applicable as from 1 January 2021

2. Eighty-second session of the Inland Transport Committee

ECE/TRANS/294/Add.1	Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its eighty-second session (Geneva, 25-28 February 2020)
	<i>See in particular paragraphs 16, 18, 19, 20, 71-80 and 131 which are relevant for the work of the Working Party.</i>

3. Status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and related issues

A member of the secretariat will inform the Working Party of the status of ADR, the Protocol of amendment of 1993, special agreements and notifications in accordance with Chapter 1.9.

With the accession of Uzbekistan (24 January 2020), the number of Contracting Parties to ADR is now 52.

With the accession of Malta (18 November 2020) and Uzbekistan (24 January 2020), the number of Contracting Parties to the Protocol of amendment of 1993 is now 39.

The Working Party may wish to note that the Protocol of amendment to the title of ADR adopted by the Conference of the Parties on 13 May 2019, was deemed accepted on 30 November 2019 (see depositary notification C.N.606.2019.TREATIES-XI.B.14)¹. The amendment will enter into force for all Contracting Parties to the Agreement on 1 January 2021.

The Working Party may wish to note that the amendments adopted in the preceding two years (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/249 and Corr.1 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/249/Add.1) have been proposed to the Contracting Parties by the Government of France and are deemed to be accepted for entry into force on 1 January 2021 (depositary notification C.N.274.2020.TREATIES-XI.B.14 of 1 July 2020 and C.N.438.2020.TREATIES-XI.B.14 of 9 October 2020). The published ADR 2021 includes these amendments. It is available in French and English and the Russian version will be available soon.

4. Work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting

INF.8 (Secretariat)

Draft amendments adopted by the Joint Meeting at its Autumn 2020 session (10-18 September 2020)

*Reference document:
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/158, Report of the
Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts
and the Working Party on the Transport of
Dangerous Goods on its autumn 2020 session*

5. Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B of ADR Interpretation of ADR

(a) Construction and approval of vehicles

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/5 (France) Section 9.7.6 - Rear protection of vehicles
+ INF.16 (United Kingdom)

INF.5 (CEFIC) Stability of tank vehicles – ADR 9.7.5.1 and
9.7.5.2
To be discussed under agenda item 8.

The representative of the Netherlands will briefly present the outcome of the task force concerning the use of Battery Electric Vehicles and Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicles established by the Netherlands.

¹ https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XI-B-14&chapter=11&clang=_en

(b) Miscellaneous proposals

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/1 (Netherlands and CEFIC) + INF.11 (United Kingdom)	Temperature controlled transport
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/3 (Germany)	Additional proposal to 5.4.1.1.1 (k) considering restrictions to UN 2919 and 3331 (special arrangement)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/4 (Germany) + INF.12 (United Kingdom)	Deletion of the tunnel restriction code for excepted packages (UN 2908 to 2911) in Table A of Chapter 3.2
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/7 (Austria) + INF.17 (OICA)	Clarification on the rules for the transport of Battery-Electric-Vehicles and Hybrids as load, Special Provision 667
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/8 (Switzerland)	Marking of transport units and containers loaded with limited quantities
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/10 (Switzerland)	Dangerous goods exempted of tunnel restrictions
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/11 (Secretariat)	Text of 9.1.3.4
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/12 (Germany)	Clarification of the application of the tunnel restriction code for the carriage of empty packagings, uncleaned, in accordance with section 5.4.1.1.6.2.1 (a) and (b) of ADR
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/13 (Spain)	Chapter 7.2 – Provisions concerning carriage in packages
INF.3 (Secretariat)	Change of the title of ADR – Consequential amendment <i>Document withdrawn. The proposed amendments are already included in ADR 2021.</i>

6. Interpretation of ADR

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/2 (Turkey)	Requirements for the construction or testing of the protective compartment / containment system in accordance with 7.5.2.2, note a
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/6 (COSTHA)	Interpretation problem in sub-section 7.5.2.3
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/9 (Switzerland)	Interpretation of 5.4.1.1.1 (f)
INF.6 (Germany)	Interpretation of the requirements for vacuum operated waste tanks
INF.9 (Norway) + INF.14 (Sweden)	Interpretation of the amended 8.5 S1 (6)
INF.10 (Sweden)	Interpretation – Addition of UN 3291 in the table in 1.1.3.6.3
INF.13 (Germany)	Application of the requirements concerning the electrical equipment of vehicles in accordance with 9.2.1.1 of ADR – transitional provisions

7. Programme of work

The Working Party may wish to adopt its programme of work for its next session and discuss its tentative meeting schedule for 2021:

109th session: 3-7 May 2021

110th session: 8-12 November 2021

8. Any other business

INF.4 (Secretariat)

Consequential amendments to Table B
Document withdrawn. The proposed amendments are already included in ADR 2021.

INF.5 (CEFIC)

Stability of tank vehicles – ADR 9.7.5.1 and 9.7.5.2

INF.18 (Spain)

Differences between ADR 2021 and IAEA Regulations

9. Election of officers for 2021

In accordance with Chapter V of the Rules and Procedures of the Working Party, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1, the Working Party will elect a Chairperson and a vice-Chairperson for 2021.

10. Adoption of the report

The Working Party may wish to adopt the report of its 108th session based on a draft prepared by the secretariat.
