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Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
Bern, 15 – 19 March 2021
Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda for the spring 2021 session
Addendum

Annotations and list of documents

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 2020 session, held in Bern, 10–11 September and Geneva, 14–18 September 2020 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/158 and Add.1 – OTIF/RID/RC/2020-A and Add.1).

The following points should be borne in mind:

(a) At its autumn 2020 session, the Joint Meeting re-elected Mr. C. Pfauvadel (France) as Chair and Ms. S. García Wolfrum (Spain) as Vice-Chair for 2021.

(b) UNECE documents (other than agendas or reports) with the symbol ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ are circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) in German under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/ 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 UNECE website (https://unece.org/transport/events/wp15ac1-joint-meeting-rid-committee-experts-and-working-party-transport-2) in English, French and Russian and on the OTIF website (http://otif.org/de/?page_id=672) 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) The Joint Meeting would like, if necessary, an ad hoc working group to meet concurrently with it to consider documents concerning tanks (item 2), after this item have been discussed in plenary.
(f) The reading of the report (item 10) is scheduled for Friday morning (19 March 2021) without interpretation.

(g) Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the current technical restrictions in the UPU, it is not yet possible to indicate whether physical participation in the conference will be possible and which conference platform will be used. More detailed information will be circulated at a later date. For this reason, it is important that you register using the online form by 12 February 2021 at the latest so that we can keep you informed of developments.

2. Tanks

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/3 (UIP)
Clariﬁcation on using tanks after the deadline speciﬁed for the next test or inspection

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/10 (Poland)
Carriage of tanks, battery-wagons/battery-vehicles and MEGCs following the expiry of deadlines for intermediate inspections

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/19 (United Kingdom)
Clarifying inspection expiry dates in Chapters 6.8, 6.10 and 6.12

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/5 (France)
Modiﬁcations of Chapter 6.9 of RID/ADR on ﬁbre-reinforced plastics (FRP) portable tank

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/6 (Germany)
Vacuum-operated waste tanks: Non-electrical explosion protection

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/7 (United Kingdom)
Supplementary information from the informal working group on the inspection and certiﬁcation of tanks: Proposed amendments to Chapter 6.8 and to Sections 1.8.7 and 1.8.6

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/16 (Germany)
Chapter 6.2 – Consequenial amendments concerning the proposals made by the informal working group on the inspection and certiﬁcation of tanks

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/8 (Belgium)
Very large tank containers: manholes and dome covers

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/21 (OTIF secretariat)
Need for a deﬁnition of extra-large tank-containers

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/11 (Netherlands)
Revisit of the requirements of 6.8.3.2 in RID/ADR on items of equipment and automatic closing function of valves on connections to the vapour phase on tanks for ﬂammable and toxic refrigerated liqueﬁed and liqueﬁed gases

3. Standards

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/17 (CEN)
Information on work of the Working Group on Standards

4. Interpretation of RID/ADR/ADN

No document has been submitted under this agenda item.
5. Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN

(a) Pending issues

- ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/51/Rev.1 (Germany)
  Carriage of polymerizing substances as waste – Revision of ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/51
- ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/13 (Spain)
  Name and description for UN numbers in Model Regulations and RID/ADR: UN 2426 Ammonium nitrate
- ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/14 (Spain)
  Name and description for UN numbers in Model Regulations and RID/ADR: UN 1012 Butylene
- ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/15 (Spain)
  Harmonization of SP 593 with 5.5.3

(b) New proposals

- ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/1 (Germany)
  Inclusion of provisions for the carriage of molten aluminium of UN number 3257
- ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/2 (Germany)
  RID/ADR 1.8.7.2.3 – Scope of the type approval certificate
- ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/4 (Secretariat)
  Security provisions and supervision requirements for detonators
- ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/9 (EIGA)
  Carriage of pressure receptacles approved by the Department of Transportation of the United States of America (DOT)
- ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/12 (EIGA)
  RID/ADR 4.1.6.8 and 4.1.6.15 – Requirements for valve protection
- ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/20 (Germany)
  RID/ADR 6.2.3.1.5 – Pressure relief devices for non-UN acetylene cylinders

6. Reports of informal working groups

- ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/18 (FEAD)
  Information on the quantity transported in the transport document

7. Accidents and risk management

No document has been submitted under this agenda item.

8. Future work

The Joint Meeting may wish to arrange for the organization of the agenda for the autumn 2021 session (Geneva, 21 September – 1 October 2021).

9. Any other business

- Informal document INF.3 of the Autumn 2020 session (EuRIC)
- Request for consultative status by the European Recycling Industries’ Confederation (EuRIC)
10. 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.