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1. Adoption of the agenda

Owing to a combination of COVID-19 response measures, financial constraints triggered by the United Nations liquidity crisis, ongoing renovation work at the Palais des Nations under the strategic heritage plan and technical constraints related to the number of meeting rooms available for hybrid meetings, the share of meetings with interpretation allocated to the Economic Commission for Europe is reduced from three meetings per day to one per day for the second quarter of 2021. Considering those factors and the quarantine and travel restrictions in force, and after consultation with the secretariat and conference services of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), the Officers of the Working Party agreed to adapt the format of the 109th session.

Accordingly, the session will be held from 3 to 7 May 2021, in a hybrid format, with the possibility of participation online or in person.

The Working Party will meet in informal meetings, without interpretation on:

- 3 May, afternoon session;
- 4 May, morning and afternoon sessions; and
- 6 May, afternoon session.

The Working Party will meet in hybrid formal meetings, with interpretation in English, French and Russian, on:

- 5 May, morning and afternoon sessions; and
- 6 and 7 May, morning sessions.

During these hybrid formal meetings, the Working Party will be able to take decisions on the proposals and adopt the draft report of the meeting:

The agenda and format of the session may need to be adjusted at a later stage given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The secretariat will publish the draft timetable and further

information on <https://unece.org/transport/events/wp15-working-party-transport-dangerous-goods-109th-session>

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/252 (Secretariat)	Provisional agenda for the 109th session
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/252/Add.1 (Secretariat)	Annotations and list of documents

Background documents

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1 (Secretariat)	Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Working Party
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/251 (Secretariat)	Report of the Working Party on its 108th session (Geneva, 10–13 November 2020)
ECE/TRANS/300 and Corr.1-2	ADR applicable as from 1 January 2021

2. Eighty-third session of the Inland Transport Committee

A member of secretariat will inform the Working Party of the decisions of the Inland Transport Committee at its eighty-third session (Geneva, 23-26 February 2021) which require follow-up action by subsidiary bodies.

3. Status of the 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.

At the time of drafting this document, there were no changes to the status of ADR (52 Contracting Parties) nor to the status of the Protocol of amendment of 1993 (39 Contracting Parties).

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

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/158, Annex II Report of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting on its autumn 2020 session: amendments to Chapter 1.2 and amendment to 1.9.4 (reference to the European Union's multimodal guidelines (Inland TDG Risk Management Framework))

The texts adopted by the Joint Meeting at its spring 2021 session (15 – 19 March 2021) will also be made available for endorsement by the Working Party.

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

(a) Construction and approval of vehicles

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2021/7 (France) Section 9.7.6 on rear protection of vehicles

(b) Miscellaneous proposals

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2021/1 (Sweden)	1.8.5.4 – addition of “MEMU” in the Model for report on occurrences during the carriage of dangerous goods
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2021/3 (Secretariat)	Supervision requirements for detonators
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2021/5 (Secretariat)	References to competent authorities in Parts 8 and 9

6. Interpretation of ADR

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2021/6 (Germany and the Netherlands)	Application of the requirements concerning the electrical equipment of vehicles in accordance with 9.2.1.1 of ADR – transitional provisions
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7. Programme of work

At the time of writing, no document has been submitted under this agenda item. The Working Party may wish to adopt its programme of work for its next session (tentatively scheduled 8-12 November 2021).

8. Any other business.

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2021/2 (Secretariat)	Comparison between the rules of procedure of the Inland Transport Committee and those of the Working Party
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2021/4 (Secretariat)	Methodology and systems used for the assignment of tunnel codes for Class 7 goods and for the assignment of code “(-)”

9. Adoption of the report

The Working Party may wish to adopt the report of its 109th session based on a draft prepared by the secretariat.
