

**Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
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Decisions submitted to silence procedure following the formal session of WP.15/AC.1 with remote participation

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1	(WP.15/AC.1) Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods UNECE	The provisional agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/159 and -/Add.1) were adopted as amended by informal document INF.2 to take account of informal documents INF.2 to INF.44.
2	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Joint Meeting endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Working Group on Tanks and adopted proposals 1 to 7 as reproduced in annex II to the report.
3	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Joint Meeting adopted the amendments proposed by the Working Group on Standards to 6.2.4.1 and 6.8.4 (d) of RID/ADR as proposed in paragraphs 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 of informal document INF.5/Rev.1 with an additional modification. It was agreed to keep the amendments proposed in paragraph 4.2 still in square brackets, subject to a final review at the next session.
3	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Joint Meeting adopted the additional note to RID/ADR/ADN 1.1.5 as proposed in informal document INF.3. The representative of the United Kingdom underlined the need to align the UN Models Regulations in that respect and announced his intention to submit a proposal to the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. for consideration at its next session.
3	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	On the review of ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/12 on requirements for valve protection, the Joint Meeting also adopted the amendments proposed in informal document INF.30 with an additional modification.
5.(a)	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Joint Meeting adopted the new special provision proposed in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/51/Rev.1 with an additional modification. It was recalled that this provision does not prevent the consignor to fulfil his obligations to provide the data required for the transport document.
5.(a)	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	On the suggestion to modify the name and description of UN 2426 Ammonium nitrate and to align it with that in the UN Model Regulations and the IMDG Code, the Joint Meeting adopted the amendments proposed in paragraphs 21 and 22 of ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/13 with additional modifications. The representative of Spain was invited to consult the Sub-Committee on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on

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		aspects related to the maximum temperature and water content of UN 2426 to clarify the need to include common requirements into the UN Model Regulations.
5.(a)	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	As a compromise solution on the harmonization of SP 593 with 5.5.3, the Joint Meeting adopted the amendments proposed as alternative A in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/15.
5.(a)	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Joint Meeting adopted by majority the new note to paragraph (j) of special provision 363 of Chapter 3.3 as proposed in informal document INF.34. It was recalled that an interpretation should be avoided that non-mandatory labelling, placarding or marking is only allowed in cases where it is explicitly mentioned.
5.(a)	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	Following the discussion on proposed amendments to Chapter 1.2 of RID/ADR, the Joint Meeting adopted the amendments proposed in informal document INF.39 with additional modifications.
5.(a)	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Joint Meeting noted the amendments to the definition in ADN 1.2.1 recently adopted by the ADN Safety Committee. Some delegations welcomed the clarification that the abbreviation "CMR" is usually defined with a reference to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road, but may also be used as an indication for substances with long-term effects on health (C means carcinogenic, M means mutagenic and R means toxic to reproduction). The secretariat was requested to prepare for the next session a proposal for supplementing the existing definition of CMR in RID/ADR with these meanings.
5.(b)	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Joint Meeting considered ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/1 and agreed on the need to insert new provisions for the carriage of molten aluminium of UN number 3257. It was recommended to set up a new informal working group on this subject. The representative of Germany presented informal document INF.41 with the terms of reference for that group. The Joint Meeting adopted the terms of reference.
5.(b)	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	On security provisions and supervision requirements for detonators, the Joint Meeting adopted the amendments to ADR/ADN proposed in paragraphs 13 and 14 of document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/4.
5.(b)	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Joint Meeting adopted the amendments to RID/ADR proposed in paragraph 13 of document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/9 as supplemented by informal document INF.24 with an additional modification.

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5.(b)	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	On pressure relief devices for non-UN acetylene cylinders, the Joint Meeting noted general support and adopted the amendments to RID/ADR 6.2.3.1.5 as proposed in informal document INF.8.
5.(b)	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	On the improvement of the introductory sentence of Chapter 7.4, the Joint Meeting adopted the proposed amendments to RID/ADR 7.4.1.
5.(b)	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Joint Meeting considered the options in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/22 on container/vehicle packing certificate and adopted the amendments to RID/ADR/ADN 5.4.2 and ADR/ADN 8.1.2.1 as proposed in informal document INF.40.
5.(b)	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Joint Meeting agreed on the importance to consider the possibility of e-learning under the circumstances of the pandemic measures and to develop appropriate guidelines. Interested delegates were invited to notify their interest in participating in the informal working group to the representative of IRU who volunteered to organize the kick-off meeting of the informal working group to further develop the draft terms of reference presented in informal document INF.19 and to revert them back to the next session of the Joint Meeting for final adoption.
6.	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	On both options suggested by FEAD regarding the information on the quantity transported in the transport document, the Joint Meeting preferred to go forward with option B and adopted the amendments proposed in informal document INF.42 with an additional modification in square brackets to be further discussed at the next session.
9.(a)	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Joint Meeting considered the request by EuRIC for consultative status and agreed to invite the representative of EuRIC to participate in the next session.
9.(b)	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	On the implementation process of the Regulation (EU) 2020/1056 on electronic Freight Transport Information (eFTI), the Joint Meeting agreed on the need to adapt on a biannual basis the data model for the transport of dangerous goods and to use in this respect the existing structure of the Ad hoc Working Group on Harmonization.
10	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC1-160e%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Joint Meeting adopted the report on its spring 2021 session and its annexes on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.