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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

**Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the
Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**
Bern, 14–18 March 2022

17 February 2021

Virtual lunch-time meeting to discuss e-learning for TDG

Scheduled to be held on: Tuesday, 15 March 2022, from 13h30 to 14h30

Draft Terms of Reference for the informal group on e-learning

Transmitted by the International Road Transport Union (IRU)

Summary

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Introduction

1. At the autumn 2020 session of the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15/AC.1), guidelines on online refresher training for drivers of dangerous goods were presented (see document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/8). Although there has been general support in principle, the Joint Meeting recommended the establishment of an informal working group to further develop the proposed guidelines.

Objective

2. The informal working group will discuss and develop a roadmap to establish e-learning guidelines.
3. The purpose of the informal working group is to:
 - (a) Evaluate and propose guidelines on e-learning for all/volunteer contracting parties of the Joint Meeting;
 - (b) Propose definitions of e-learning/distance learning, intervention of the competent authority, and authorised training centres;
 - (c) Support the implementation of, and ensure easy access to, theoretical training courses for training centres, trainers, trainees and competent authorities.

Operating principles

4. The informal group on e-learning is open to all participants of the Joint Meeting, including contracting parties to the ADR/ADN/RID and non-governmental organisations.
5. A chair, a vice-chair and a secretary will manage the informal group.
6. A provisional agenda shall be drawn up by the above team in agreement with the participants of the group. The first agenda item of each session shall be the adoption of the agenda.

7. An agenda and related documents shall be made available on the UNECE website and on the OTIF website.
 8. The official language of the informal working group will be English.
 9. All documents and/or proposals should be submitted to the secretary of the group in a suitable format prior to the meetings. The group may postpone discussing any item or proposal that is not circulated five working days prior to the scheduled meeting.
 10. Decisions and proposals of the group shall be reached by consensus and, in case of a lack of unanimous agreement, by majority.
 11. Sessions may be in person or virtual.
 12. The group shall propose the report or final draft guidelines to the Joint Meeting for final discussion and adoption.
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