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Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods 16 March 2021
Bern, 14–18 March 2022

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

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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 (IWG) to further develop the proposed guidelines.

Mandate of the IWG

The Joint Meeting should establish an Informal Working Group working on the following Terms of Reference and invite ADN experts to participate in the work of the group.

Scope

The IWG should in particular

- Review different methods of “online training” (e.g. remote training, e-learning, self-study) and define those acceptable for ADR driver training /ADN expert training;
- Define the relevant parameters for the acceptance as ADR driver training /ADN expert training, ensuring personal identification and taking into consideration experience with “online training” in other areas (e.g. safety advisor, driving licences);
- Identify which part of the training in presence could be performed by “online training” while special priority should be given to the refresher trainings and maintaining the possibility of face to face training;
- Identify parts of training which should not be subject to “online training”, considering combinations of face to face and “online training”;
- Review the relevant ADR/ADN provisions and draft necessary amendments including the requirements for the approval of training courses;
• consider whether measures are necessary to ensure that “online training” is not undertaken during driving and resting time;
• develop a legal basis and the conditions for the approval of online training and consider whether additional guidelines should be developed to support the implementation of “online training”