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Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the

Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

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Reports on informal working groups

Informal working group on the transport of hazardous waste

Transmitted by European Federation of Waste Management and Environmental Services (FEAD)

Past meetings

1. On its autumn 2018 session, the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods approved the establishment of an Informal Working Group on the Transport of Hazardous Waste led by FEAD (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/152).
2. Since then, FEAD organized four meetings of the informal working group for which reports were transmitted to the Joint Meeting:
 - a. On the 2nd and 3rd of April 2019 in Brussels (hosted by the Belgian waste management federation Denuo, member of FEAD)
 - b. On the 3rd and 4th of March 2020 in Utrecht (hosted by the Dutch ADR-administration)
 - c. On the 7th of October 2020 online, due to the COVID-19 pandemic
 - d. On the 19th of November 2020 online, due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Thanks to the work performed by the participants during the above listed meetings, several proposals were discussed and even approved by the Joint Meeting in its session of the Autumn 2020 (14 – 18.09.2020).

Next steps or next initiative (?)

3. FEAD experts met several times to prepare one of the major remaining issues listed by the Joint Meeting as agenda item for the Informal Working Group, being the packaging issue, more precisely: (1) the combination of inner and outer packaging, (2) the general absence of the original outer packaging when a product becomes waste, and (3) the chemical compatibility of UN-tested packaging for waste.
4. A working document is mostly finalized and FEAD is of the opinion that its discussion requires a physical meeting to allow an effective and dynamic interaction between the participants.
5. Considering the above, FEAD proposes to organize a meeting at a date convenient for most of the interested delegations, ideally before the summer break, and asks the participants to inform FEAD on a possible period for such a meeting. As the Dutch delegation kindly offered, before the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, its support to organize a second

meeting in its offices (in Utrecht or in Den Haag), we would appreciate a renewed support of the Dutch delegation for this forthcoming meeting.

6. In the case the proposal to organize an additional meeting is welcomed by the participants and a convenient location is found for such a meeting, FEAD will initiate its organisation and share the working documents with the potential participants.
