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Ad hoc Working Group on the Harmonization of RID/ADR/ADN with the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Geneva, 26-27 April 2023

Provisional agenda for the eleventh session

To be held as an in-person meeting at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 26 April 2023

NOTE 1: The terms of reference of the working group are to check draft proposals prepared by the secretariat for the harmonization of RID/ADR/ADN with the twenty-third revised edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations (refer also to ST/SG/AC.10/50/Add.1 and -/Add.2) and to finalize them for submission to the September session of the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. The main objective is to facilitate the work of the Joint Meeting and to avoid lengthy discussions on editorial matters during plenary sessions. The working group has no mandate to accept or reject the proposed amendments on behalf of the Joint Meeting.

NOTE 2: Participation is open to all delegations who participate in the work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting. However, for reasons of efficiency, it is recommended that only delegations who intend to contribute substantially to this editorial work participate and that their composition should be as restricted as possible.

NOTE 3: The session will be held in English, without interpretation. The documentation, including the agenda, is available, or will be made available before the opening of the session, on the website of the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division (https://unece.org/info/Transport/Dangerous-Goods/events/374024) but is not circulated as official documentation.

NOTE 4: Delegates wishing to participate in the meeting are requested to register online (https://unece.org/info/Transport/Dangerous-Goods/events/374024) before the opening of the session. In case of difficulty, you can contact the secretariat by telephone (+41 22 9172106). For other useful information, refer to: https://unece.org/practical-information-delegates.

NOTE 5: Due to other official commitments, Mr. C. Pfauvadel (France) will be absent and cannot chair this meeting. The Ad hoc Working Group session should be chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Mrs. S. Garcia Wolfrum (Spain).

1. Adoption of the agenda

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/HAR/11

2. Harmonization of RID/ADR/ADN with the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations

Background documents

ADR 2023 (ECE/TRANS/326, Vol. I and II) and corrigenda 1 and 2 RID 2023 ADN 2023 (ECE/TRANS/325, Vol. I and II)

Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, twenty-first revised edition (ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.22), corrigendum 1 (ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.22/Corr.1) and amendments (ST/SG/AC.10/50/Add.1).

Manual of Tests and Criteria, seventh revised edition (ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.7), corrigenda 1, 2 and 3 (ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.7/Corr.1, Corr.2 and Corr. 3), and amendments (ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.7/Amend.1), (ST/SG/AC.10/50/Add.2) and its corrigendum (ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.7/Amend.1/Corr.1).

Working documents

A working document was prepared by the secretariat and circulated as informal document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/HAR/2023/1.

Additionally, the following documents analyse partial aspects related to harmonization:

- (a) ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/HAR/2023/2 (Spain) on Articles and packing groups;
- (b) ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/HAR/2023/3 (Spain) on Degree of filling and filling ratio.

At its spring 2023 sessions, the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting decided that the working group should also consider informal document INF.11 (Belgium) on Interpretation of capacity to determine the maximum degree of filling according to 4.1.1.4.

Comments on the above documents may be transmitted to the secretariat before the session by all delegations participating in the RID/ADR/ADN work, even though they do not intend to participate in the working group session.

3. Other business

At the time of writing, no document has been submitted under this agenda item.

4. Report to the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting

A brief report will be issued after the session and submitted to the September 2023 session of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting together with the harmonization proposals developed by the working group.