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Item 7 of the provisional agenda:

Accident and risk management

Improvement of the report on occurrences relating to the carriage of dangerous goods

Transmitted by the Government of France

Summary

- Executive summary:** The purpose of this document is to propose continuing the work on event declarations according to 1.8.5 of RID/ADR/ADN.
- Action to be taken:** Continuation of the work of the informal working group on the basis of the terms of reference agreed by the Joint Meeting.
- Related documents:** ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/152, annex IV;
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/15,
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/16 and informal document INF.19 of the Spring 2024 session of the Joint Meeting

I. Introduction

1. In 2018, during the Autumn session of the Joint Meeting, the terms of reference (see Annex of this document) have been adopted for an informal working group in charge of drafting proposals to modify the report on occurrences according to 1.8.5 of RID/ADR/ADN (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/152, annex IV).
2. At the last session of the Joint Meeting in March 2024, France has presented documents ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/15, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/16 and informal document INF.19 as a result of the discussions and principles agreed by the informal working group hosted in Paris in October 2023.
3. The Joint Meeting noted only limited support on the reporting model and the need for clarification on certain points.
4. France is of the opinion that the work on the topic of the report on occurrences according to 1.8.5 should continue.

II. Proposal

5. Based on the documents presented during the March 2024 session of the Joint Meeting and the comments received since then, and on the basis of the terms of reference adopted by the Joint Meeting, France proposes to continue the work on this topic.

Annex

Terms of reference for the informal working group on the improvement of accident reporting

The informal working group shall organise its work by examining the points (a) to (h) hereafter. It may complement and adapt them as appropriate during its first session and report to the Joint Meeting as appropriate:

- (a) Clarify the purpose of reporting information on accidents and identify the use of the reported information (1.8.3.6, 1.8.5, etc);
 - (b) Clarify the participants responsible for sending the report and/or complementary information to the report;
 - (c) Examine anonymity issues;
 - (d) Study the relevant information necessary for the report according to its intended use (such as: lessons learnt from single occurrences, lessons learnt from repeated occurrences, risk assessment) and propose relevant improvements to RID/ADR/ADN;
 - (e) Propose measures to facilitate the collection of the report by competent authorities and the transmission of relevant information to the UNECE and OTIF secretariats;
 - (f) Exchange of experience from competent authorities on methods that are used to ensure the accuracy of accident reporting;
 - (g) Take into account relevant input including the contributions provided by the transport of dangerous goods workshop for risk management, in particular the list established by workgroup A and the “input parameter table” for the harmonised risk estimation model; and
 - (h) Take into account the relevant IT tools, including coordination with the development of the common occurrence reporting system (COR).
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