

**WP.15/AC.1 JOINT MEETING of the RID Safety Committee
and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**

Geneva, 10 to 14 September 2001

NOTIFICATIONS OF OCCURRENCES INVOLVING DANGEROUS GOODS

PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT TO PARAGRAPH 1.8.5.1.

Transmitted by the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Association (FIATA)

Executive summary : It is proposed to amend the text in 1.8.5.1 making the text more general without limiting his responsibility for making the report.

Action to be taken : Amendment to chapter 1.8.5.1.

Related documents : Doc 2001/35, Inf. 5, CRP1/Add1 and Add 2

Justification

The Joint Meeting stated at the last meeting in Bern the necessity of a reporting system for accidents/incidents taking place during the carriage of dangerous goods. The carrier is required to make such a report, but normally he is only in the position to make such a report if the accident/incident takes place in his own country due to e.g. language problems. If the accident/incident takes place in a foreign country, which is a contracting party to the RID/ADR, the carrier would seek assistance from e.g. a business partner in that country in order to be sure that a report is properly made. The way paragraph 1.8.5.1 is written, the carrier does not have the possibility to involve others but to make the report himself.

Proposal

Chapter 1.8.5.1. should read as follows :

"If a serious accident or incident takes place during the carriage of dangerous goods on the territory of a Contracting Party, the carrier **shall ensure that a report is made** to the competent authority of the Contracting Party concerned."
