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Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Bern, 19-23 March 2012

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda for the spring 2012 session

Addendum

Annotations and list of documents

1. Adoption of the agenda

The first item on the agenda concerns its adoption. The Joint Meeting will also have before it the report on its autumn 2011 session, held in Geneva from 13 to 23 September 2011 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/124 – OTIF/RID/RC/2011-B and addenda 1 and 2).

The following points should be borne in mind:

(a) At its autumn 2011 session, the Joint Meeting elected Mr. C. Pfauvadel (France) as Chairman and Mr. H. Rein (Germany) as Vice-Chairman for 2012;

(b) UNECE documents (other than agendas or reports) with the symbol ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ are circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) in German under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/ followed by the same document number. As part of the secretariat's efforts to reduce expenditure, documents will not be available in the conference room. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to the meeting;

(c) The documentation will be available on the UNECE website (www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm) in English, French and Russian;

(d) The Joint Meeting would, if necessary, like an ad hoc working group to meet outside the times of the plenary session to consider documents concerning standards (item 3), in accordance with the mandate to be decided by the Joint Meeting;

(e) The Joint Meeting would, if necessary, like an ad hoc working group to meet concurrently with it to consider documents concerning tanks (item 2), after this item have been discussed in plenary;

(f) The reading of the report (item 9) is scheduled for Friday morning (23 March 2012) without interpretation.

2. Tanks

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/124/Add.2, Item 12	Report of the Working Group on Tanks at the previous session – Pending issues
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/1 (UIC)	Premature activation of safety valves in the carriage of refrigerated liquefied gases in RID/ADR tanks; taking over the provisions for portable tanks with respect to holding times and reference holding times for RID/ADR tanks
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/2 (Germany)	Chapter 6.10 Vacuum-operated tanks
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/3 (Germany)	Application of standards EN 14432 and EN 14433 listed in 6.8.2.6
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/4 (Spain)	Irregularities in the application of ADR
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/10 (Sweden)	Limitation of volumes of fixed tanks (tank-vehicles) and tank-wagons
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/15 (IRU)	RID/ADR tanks and multimodal portable tanks for liquids
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/16 (France)	Sections 1.6.3 and 1.6.4: transitional measures for tanks

3. Standards

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/6 (CEN)	Information on work in progress in CEN
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/7 (ISO)	References to ISO standards for UN pressure receptacles – Section 6.2.2

4. Interpretation of RID/ADR/ADN

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/12 (Belgium)	Physical and administrative inspections in container terminals
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/13 (Netherlands)	Use of vacuum-operated waste tanks

5. Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN

(a) Pending issues

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/9 (France)	Carriage of empty uncleaned packaging wastes
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/14 (EIGA)	Test periods for packing instruction P200
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/18 (OTIF)	Questions pending from the fiftieth session of the RID Committee of Experts (Malmö, 21–25 November 2011)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/19 (OTIF)	Sub-section 5.1.2.1

(b) New proposals

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/5 (Spain)	Proposal of harmonization for the transport of dangerous goods by sea and by road
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/11 (EIGA)	Marking and labelling of overpacks
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/17 (Sweden)	Mixed loading prohibition in 7.5.2.1 of RID/ADR
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/20 (Austria)	Amendment to 1.4.3.3 – Mark for elevated temperature substances and environmentally hazardous substance mark

6. Reports of informal working groups

No document has been submitted under this agenda item.

7. Future work

The Joint Meeting may wish to arrange for the organization of the agenda for the autumn 2012 session (Geneva, 17–21 September 2012).

8. Any other business

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2012/8 (Switzerland)	Harmonization with the United Nations Model Regulations
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9. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, the Joint Meeting will adopt the report of the session on the basis of a draft established by the secretariat.