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**Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN:
pending issues**

New provisions for carriage in bulk

Transmitted by the secretariat of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF)^{1,2}

Introduction

1. Following the preliminary work carried out by an informal working group, the Joint Meeting adopted in September 2012, new provisions for carriage in bulk (see report ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/128, paragraphs 34 to 40 and Annex I).
2. Among other things, these new provisions mean that the requirements of RID and ADR are more closely harmonised.
3. The 17 existing VW/VV provisions were merged into three VW/VV provisions, which are now only used to provide information on the type of means of transport to be used (sheeted, closed construction or special equipment), and nine AP provisions, which are aimed at the goods to be carried. While the latter have the same code in both RID and ADR, for the VW/VV provisions, different codes were maintained, although apart from the description of the means of transport, the wording in RID and ADR is identical.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2010–2014 (ECE/TRANS/208, para. 106, ECE/TRANS/2010/8, programme activity 02.7 (c)).

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Proposal

4. The rearrangement of the provisions for carriage in bulk should be used to introduce the same codes for both transport modes.

5. In the restructuring of RID/ADR, the alphanumeric codes used in Table A of RID/ADR were developed on the basis of French. "VW" stood for "vrac wagon" (bulk in wagons) and "VV" for "vrac véhicule" (bulk in vehicles). To avoid mixing these up with the BK codes in column 10, the Secretariat suggests that French again be used for the new joint alphanumeric codes and that the letter combination "VC" (for "vrac") be used for both modes.

Justification

6. This is a purely editorial proposal and would simplify matters somewhat when amending provisions or making quotations.
