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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Seventy-second session, Geneva, 13-17 May 2002)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTY-SECOND SESSION¹

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 13 May 2002

IMPORTANT

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The provisional timetable for the plenary is as follows:

Monday, 13 May 2002: Items 1, 2, 3, 4 (a)

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1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. Sixty-fourth session of the Inland Transport Committee

The Working Party will be verbally informed of the results of the sixty-fourth session of the Inland Transport Committee (TRANS/139).

- 3. Status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and related issues
 - (a) Status of the Agreement

ADR has 38 Contracting Parties including 37 member States of UN/ECE and Morocco. The list of competent authorities and their particulars can be found in document TRANS/WP.15/167/Add.1 and may also be consulted on the web site of the Transport Division (http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adr/comp.htm).

(b) Protocol of amendment of 1993

The entry into force of the Protocol amending articles 1 (a), 14 (1) and 14 (3) (b) of ADR, adopted at Geneva on 28 October 1993 (depositary notification C.N.448.1993-TREATIES-2) requires the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval and accession, as appropriate, of all Contracting Parties to ADR. To date 25 States are Contracting Parties to the Protocol but the 13 States named below have not yet deposited the instruments in question:

Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Kazakhstan, Morocco, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Yugoslavia.

(c) Special agreements

The consolidated list of special agreements (updated to February 2002) was published under the symbol TRANS/WP.15/2002/2. Contracting Parties to ADR are informed quarterly of new agreements and revocations. Information on multilateral agreements (text and list of contracting States) may be obtained on the Transport Division's web site (http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm).

(d) Notifications in accordance with Chapter 1.9 of the restructured ADR

The Working Party will be informed of any notifications communicated by the Contracting Parties to ADR. These notifications may now be consulted on the Transport Division's web site (www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm).

(e) Corrections to ADR 2001

Corrections to depositary notification C.N.1078.2002-TREATIES-3 (2001 version of Annexes A and B of the restructured ADR) were distributed by the secretariat with the symbols TRANS/WP.15/165/Add.1 and TRANS/WP.15/167/Add.2 in the case of the French version and TRANS/WP.15/165/Add.2 and TRANS/WP.15/167/Add.3 in the case of the English version. The corresponding corrections in the published version of ADR can be found in documents ECE/TRANS/140/Corr.1, 2 and 4 for the English version and ECE/TRANS/140/Corr.3 and 5 for the French version.

(f) Amendments scheduled for 1 January 2003

The secretariat has prepared a consolidated document with all the amendments adopted at the seventieth and seventy-first sessions of the Working Party, issued under the symbol TRANS/WP.15/168, which will be submitted by the Chairman as a proposed amendment by Portugal on behalf of the Working Party in accordance with article 14 of ADR, for entry into force on 1 January 2003.

4. Proposals for amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR

(a) Miscellaneous proposals

TRANS/WP.15/2002/10 (France) Marking of demountable tanks (Chapter 6.8)

TRANS/WP.15/2002/7 (CEFIC/AISE) Carriage in limited quantities (Chapters 1.1

and 3.4)

TRANS/WP.15/2002/9 (Germany) Fire-fighting appliances (Part 1 and

Chapter 8.1)

TRANS/WP.15/2002/14 (Spain and Specifications concerning the orange-

Germany) coloured plates (Chapter 5.3)

TRANS/WP.15/2002/13 (CEN) Marking of tank-vehicles (Chapter 6.8)

TRANS/WP.15/2002/8 (Germany) Vacuum-operated waste tanks

(Chapter 6.10)

TRANS/WP.15/2002/4 (France) Minimum thickness of shells (Chapter 6.8) TRANS/WP.15/2002/6 (Netherlands) Exemptions related to quantities carried per

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transport unit (Chapter 1.1)
TRANS/WP.15/2002/15 (France)
Thickness of tanks made with

Thickness of tanks made with double walls, the space between being evacuated of air

(Chapter 6.8)

TRANS/WP.15/2002/16 (CEN) Reference to standards in Chapter 6.8

(b) Construction and approval of vehicles

TRANS/WP.15/2002/11 (Germany)
TRANS/WP.15/2002/5 (France)
TRANS/WP.15/2002/3 (Norway)
Rear protection of tanks (Chapter 9.7)
Combustion heaters (Chapter 9.2)
Report of the informal working group on

EX vehicles

TRANS/WP.15/2002/1 (CLCCR) Amendments to Chapter 9.2

TRANS/WP.15/2002/18 (Italy) Revision of Part 9

TRANS/WP.15/2002/19 (OICA) Braking equipment (Chapter 9.2)

5. Safety in road tunnels

This item was discussed at the three previous sessions (see TRANS/WP.15/163, paras. 65 to 71, TRANS/WP.15/165, paras. 73 to 75 and TRANS/WP.15/167, paras. 84 to 86). No new proposals have been submitted in this regard, but the Ad Hoc Multidisciplinary Group of Experts on Safety in Tunnels has submitted its final report (TRANS/AC.7/9) and the Inland Transport Committee has asked its subsidiary bodies to consider the possibility of introducing the recommendations which fall within their jurisdiction into existing legal instruments.

6. Safety in the transport of dangerous goods

The question of the safety of transport was considered by the Inland Transport Committee and the Chairman of the Working Party accordingly prepared a document (TRANS/WP.15/2002/17).

7. Follow-up of the Convention on Civil Liability for Damage caused during Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, Rail and Inland Navigation Vessels (CRTD)

At the seventy-first session of WP.15 (5-9 November 2001), the report of the Ad Hoc group of experts on the CRTD, which had met concurrently with the Working Party on 5 and 6 November, was submitted to the WP.15 Working Party which drew up recommendations for the Inland Transport Committee (see TRANS/WP.15/167, paras. 5 and 87 to 88).

The Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-fourth session from 18 to 21 February 2002 approved the conclusions and recommendations of the working group on the CRTD and the WP.15 Working Party in this regard and in particular approved the establishment of an Ad Hoc Meeting of Experts on the CRTD, its mandate and its calendar of work.

The secretariat was unable to organize the first session of the Meeting of Experts concurrently with that of the WP.15 Working Party, and the first session will be held from 10 to 12 June 2002. The Committee also decided to consider the situation at its next session in 2003 in the light of the conclusions of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (which is working on another draft convention specific to inland navigation, entitled CRDNI) and those of the Ad Hoc Meeting of Experts. It will then be necessary to decide whether to continue with a separate convention for each of the three inland transport modes (see TRANS/2002/CRP.1/Add.11, paras. 97-100).

8. Programme of work for the seventy-third session

The secretariat will submit proposals in this regard during the session.

7. **Any other business**

8. **Adoption of the report**

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report on its seventy-second session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.



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