

Economic Commission for Europe

Inland Transport Committee

Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

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Any other business

3 October 2012

Programme of work 2014-2015

Note by the secretariat

Introduction

1. The secretariat reproduces hereafter the draft programme of work for 2014-2015 prepared on the basis of the decisions taken by the Working Party at its ninety-first session (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/212, paragraphs 58 and 59 and annexes II and III) and in accordance with the programme of work adopted by the Inland Transport Committee at its seventy-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/2012/9). The deletions and insertions are displayed.

2. The Working Party is invited to endorse this programme of work before submission to the Inland Transport Committee.

English version

Cluster 11

Transport of dangerous goods (UNECE)

Description of cluster (optional)

Expected accomplishments from this cluster

Consideration of regulations and technical questions concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods in the region. Preparation of new international agreements and harmonization and amendment of existing agreements in this field to enhance safety at the same time as facilitating trade, in cooperation with the Economic and Social Council's Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

Main actions by the Transport Division:

- Providing secretariat services to:
 - the UNECE Inland Transport Committee Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15), which addresses mainly issues related to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods

Adoption of amendments to ADR and, through joint activities carried out with the Intergovernmental Organization for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) and the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR), to RID and ADN respectively, intended to maintain the necessary level of safety, security and protection of the environment in a uniform, harmonized and coherent system of

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<p>by Road (ADR) which are specific to road transport (construction and approval of vehicles, operation of vehicles, driver training, safety in road tunnels, etc.),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the Joint Meeting of WP.15 and the RID Committee of Experts (“RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting”) (WP.15/AC.1) (in cooperation with the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) secretariat), for all matters common to the three modes of inland transport, such as classification, listing, packagings, tanks, freight containers, ○ the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (ADN Safety Committee) (WP.15/AC.2) and the ADN Administrative Committee (in cooperation with the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR)), for all matters specific to inland navigation, such as construction and approval of inland navigation vessels, carriage in tank-vessels, operation of vessels, training and examination of crew, etc., • Administering ADR and ADN (cooperation with UN Treaty Section, consolidation and checking of legal texts, amendments, depositary notifications, registration and notification of bilateral or multilateral agreements concluded by Parties by derogation to the requirements of ADR or ADN, special authorizations, etc.) • Publication of consolidated versions of ADR and ADN every two years, • Cooperation with governments and international organizations, • Providing technical advice and training, or participating in conferences, seminars and workshops for technical assistance or awareness-raising (upon request and as resources allow). 	<p>transport of dangerous goods regulations based on the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, and effective implementation through international and national legislation.</p> <p>[Adoption of a road map on how to set up the administrative structures required for implementation of ADR.] <i>[To be deleted if already adopted]</i></p> <p>[Development of recommendations and/or guidelines based on this road map in 2013.] <i>[To be deleted or extended to 2014]</i></p>

Outputs/activities

(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation

11.1 Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (92nd-96th and 93rd-97th sessions in ~~2012~~2014, 94th-98th and 95th-99th sessions in ~~2013~~2015) (40 meetings)

Documentation:

Reports of the sessions (4); two series of documents concerning amendments to the technical annexes of ADR or implementation of ADR; consolidated list of all the amendments to ADR which will be adopted for entry into force on 1 January ~~2013~~2015.

11.2 Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Spring and Autumn sessions in ~~2012~~2014, Spring and Autumn sessions in ~~2013~~2015) (48 meetings)

Documentation:

Reports of the sessions (4); two series of documents concerning amendments to ADR, RID and ADN.

11.3 Joint Meeting of experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (~~40th-44th~~ and ~~41st-45th~~ sessions in ~~2012~~2014, ~~42nd-46th~~ and ~~43rd-47th~~ sessions in ~~2013~~2015) (36 meetings).

Documentation:

Reports of the sessions (4); two series of documents concerning amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN or implementation of ADN.

11.4 Administrative Committee of the ADN (~~8th-12th~~ and ~~9th-13th~~ sessions in ~~2012~~2014, ~~10th-14th~~ and ~~11th-15th~~ sessions in ~~2013~~2015) (4 meetings)

Documentation:

Reports of the sessions (4); two series of documents concerning amendments or administration of ADN; consolidated list of all the amendments to ADN which will be adopted for entry into force on 1 January ~~2013~~2015.

(b) *Publications and other information material*

11.5 Consolidated ~~2013-2015~~ revised edition of ADR (applicable as from 1 January ~~2013~~2015) (Book, CD-Rom and internet version).

11.6 Consolidated ~~2013-2015~~ revised edition of ADN (applicable as from 1 January ~~2013~~2015) (Book, CD-Rom and internet version).

11.7 Publication of information and legal data related to ADR and ADN (Status of the Agreement, Competent authorities, Instructions in writing, Notifications, Bilateral or Multilateral agreements, special authorizations, etc...) on website.¹

(c) *Technical cooperation*

11.8 Legal and technical assistance to Contracting Parties to ADR and ADN for effective implementation, as well as to ECE or non-ECE countries interested in accession.

11.9 Cooperation with governments and international organizations: providing technical advice and training, or participating in conferences, seminars and workshops for technical assistance or awareness-raising (upon request and as resources allow).

¹ www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.html