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**INCLUSION OF STANDARDS IN RID AND ADR**

**Proposal by the Government of Switzerland\***

The secretariat has received from the Central Office for International Carriage by Rail (OCTI) the proposal reproduced below.

Dozens of CEN and ISO standards have been finalized or are about to be finalized. During the meeting of the informal working group on tanks (Berlin, 24-26 January 2001), a long discussion took place on problems arising to date when these standards are included in RID/ADR and as regards their subsequent legal development (see report TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2001/14, para. 7).

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For the purpose of the decision on whether or not to refer to a standard in RID/ADR, the working group's opinion is that finalized standards should be made available to the relevant meetings in the three official languages. The efforts and the work of the CEN delegate in assessing whether a standard conformed to the requirements of the regulations were recognized, but it was noted, however, that CEN is not in a position to answer the question of whether or not reference should be made to a standard in the RID/ADR regulations. Furthermore, not all States members of COTIF and Contracting Parties to ADR are members of CEN.

### **Proposal**

The Government of Switzerland requests that the Joint Meeting should discuss the proposal to establish a working group with as its mission the following two points:

identification of the standards to which RID/ADR should refer;

consideration of the standards to be referred to in order to facilitate the Joint Meeting's decision.

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