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Adoption of Standards by the RID and ADR regulations

Proposal by Switzerland

At the Joint Meeting held from 28 May to 1 June, Switzerland's proposal OCTI/RID/GT-III/2001/27 (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2001/27) was adopted in principle (OCTI/RID/GT-III/2001-A), and Switzerland was asked to put her proposal into concrete terms. The Secretariats are unable to support the Working Party; it is thus an informal Working Party.

The Joint Meeting asked Switzerland to detail her proposal to establish a Working Party, and to demonstrate how the Working Party would be composed and how it would carry out its task, i.e.:

- Determining which Standards should be referred to in the ADR/RID
- Examining the Standards to be referred to, as a decision-making aid for the Joint Meeting.

Switzerland requests the Joint Meeting to examine the proposal given below and to implement it:

- The Joint Meeting requests participants to name their experts and to delegate them to the Working Group.

Aus Kostengründen wurde dieses Dokument nur in begrenzter Auflage gedruckt. Die Delegierten werden daher gebeten, die ihnen zugesandten Exemplare zu den Sitzungen mitzubringen. Das Zentralamt verfügt nur über eine sehr geringe Reserve.

- The CEN delegate is invited to join the Working Group. The meetings of the Working Group on Standards take place in parallel with the Joint Meeting.
- The Joint Meeting names a chair of the Working Group. S/he shall report to the plenary on the evaluation and the proposal of the Working Group. The Working Group's task is to consider the Standards to be evaluated from the point of view of harmonization with the regulations and the need to reference them there.
- The Joint Meeting decides whether to adopt the proposal by the Working Group.
 - Within the framework of proposals, the member states/contractual parties of ADR and CO-TIF and the organisations and NGOs approved by the Joint Meeting, by means of a proposal or Informative Document, suggest the adoption of a particular Standard (ISO, CEN etc.) and reference in the regulations.
 - The proposer in each case is responsible for providing a sufficient quantity of copies of the Standard(s) as a Working Paper, in English at least, to the Secretariat and the members of the Working Group.
 - The Working Group meets in parallel with the Joint Meeting. The meetings of the Working Group begin in each case on the Monday of the first day of the Meeting, and last until Wednesday at the latest.
 - The Joint Meeting includes a point on its Agenda for Wednesday afternoon where the chair of the Working Group reports to the Joint Meeting.

Particular consideration should be given to the issue of adopting whole chapters or subsections from the United Nations regulations, or from harmonization texts that contain ISO Standards. Here, the task of the Working Group should be clearly delimited, and the Joint Meeting is invited to comment again on the wholesale adoption of Standards from the UN model regulations. Although the references contained in the UN model regulations have already been examined by a Working Group or subcommittee during discussions with the UN, the Joint Meeting must nevertheless decide on the incorporation of these regulations into the ADR and RID, and thus also on the adoption of the Standards contained in the texts.
