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Inland Transport Committee

**Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**

**108th session 6 November 2020**

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda**

List of documents under agenda item

**1. Adoption of the agenda**

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| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/250/Rev.1 (Secretariat) | Provisional agenda for the 108th session |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/250/Add.1/Rev.1 (Secretariat) | Annotations and list of documents |
| INF.1 (Secretariat) | List of documents |
| INF.2 (Secretariat) | List of documents under agenda item |
| INF.7/Rev.1 (Secretariat) | Organization of the 108th session |
| INF.15 (Secretariat) | Provisional timetable and additional information |

**Background documents**

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| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1 (Secretariat) | Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Working Party | |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/248 (Secretariat) | Report of the Working Party on its 107th session (Geneva, 11–15 November 2019) | |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/249, -/Corr.1 and  -/Add.1 | Draft amendments to annexes A and B of ADR |
| ECE/TRANS/300 | ADR applicable as from 1 January 2021 |

**2. Eighty-second session of the Inland Transport Committee**

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| ECE/TRANS/294/Add.1 | Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its eighty-second session (Geneva, 25-28 February 2020)  *See in particular paragraphs 16, 18, 19, 20, 71-80 and 131 which are relevant for the work of the Working Party.* |

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

A member of the secretariat will inform the Working Party of the status of ADR, the Protocol of amendment of 1993, special agreements and notifications in accordance with Chapter 1.9.

With the accession of Uzbekistan (24 January 2020), the number of Contracting Parties to ADR is now 52.

With the accession of Malta (18 November 2020) and Uzbekistan (24 January 2020), the number of Contracting Parties to the Protocol of amendment of 1993 is now 39.

The Working Party may wish to note that the Protocol of amendment to the title of ADR adopted by the Conference of the Parties on 13 May 2019, was deemed accepted on 30 November 2019 (see depositary notification C.N.606.2019.TREATIES-XI.B.14)[[1]](#footnote-2). The amendment will enter into force for all Contracting Parties to the Agreement on 1 January 2021.

The Working Party may wish to note that the amendments adopted in the preceding two years (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/249 and Corr.1 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/249/Add.1) have been proposed to the Contracting Parties by the Government of France and are deemed to be accepted for entry into force on 1 January 2021 (depositary notification C.N.274.2020.TREATIES-XI.B.14 of 1 July 2020 and C.N.438.2020.TREATIES-XI.B.14 of 9 October 2020). The published ADR 2021 includes these amendments. It is available in French and English and the Russian version will be available soon.

4. Work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting

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| INF.8 (Secretariat) | Draft amendments adopted by the Joint Meeting at its Autumn 2020 session (10-18 September 2020)  *Reference document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/158, Report of the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its autumn 2020 session* |

**5. Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B of ADR Interpretation of ADR**

(a) Construction and approval of vehicles

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| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/5 (France) + INF.16 (United Kingdom) | Section 9.7.6 - Rear protection of vehicles |
| INF.5 (CEFIC) | Stability of tank vehicles – ADR 9.7.5.1 and 9.7.5.2 *To be discussed under agenda item 8.* |

The representative of the Netherlands will briefly present the outcome of the task force concerning the use of Battery Electric Vehicles and Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicles established by the Netherlands.

(b) Miscellaneous proposals

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| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/1 (Netherlands and CEFIC) + INF.11 (United Kingdom) | Temperature controlled transport | |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/3 (Germany) | Additional proposal to 5.4.1.1.1 (k) considering restrictions to UN 2919 and 3331 (special arrangement) | |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/4 (Germany) + INF.12 (United Kingdom) | Deletion of the tunnel restriction code for excepted packages (UN 2908 to 2911) in Table A of Chapter 3.2 | |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/7 (Austria) + INF.17 (OICA) | Clarification on the rules for the transport of Battery-Electric-Vehicles and Hybrids as load, Special Provision 667 | |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/8 (Switzerland) | Marking of transport units and containers loaded with limited quantities | |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/10 (Switzerland) | Dangerous goods exempted of tunnel restrictions | |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/11 (Secretariat) | Text of 9.1.3.4 | |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/12 (Germany) | | Clarification of the application of the tunnel restriction code for the carriage of empty packagings, uncleaned, in accordance with section 5.4.1.1.6.2.1 (a) and (b) of ADR | |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/13 (Spain) | | Chapter 7.2 – Provisions concerning carriage in packages | |
| INF.3 (Secretariat) | | Change of the title of ADR – Consequential amendment *Document withdrawn. The proposed amendments are already included in ADR 2021.* | |

**6. Interpretation of ADR**

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| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/2 (Turkey) | Requirements for the construction or testing of the protective compartment / containment system in accordance with 7.5.2.2, note a |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/6 (COSTHA) | Interpretation problem in sub-section 7.5.2.3 |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2020/9 (Switzerland) | Interpretation of 5.4.1.1.1 (f) |
| INF.6 (Germany) | Interpretation of the requirements for vacuum operated waste tanks |
| INF.9 (Norway) + INF.14 (Sweden) | Interpretation of the amended 8.5 S1 (6) |
| INF.10 (Sweden) | Interpretation – Addition of UN 3291 in the table in 1.1.3.6.3 |
| INF.13 (Germany) | Application of the requirements concerning the electrical equipment of vehicles in accordance with 9.2.1.1 of ADR – transitional provisions |

**7. Programme of work**

The Working Party may wish to adopt its programme of work for its next session and discuss its tentative meeting schedule for 2021:

109th session: 3-7 May 2021

110th session: 8-12 November 2021

**8. Any other business**

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| INF.4 (Secretariat) | Consequential amendments to Table B  *Document withdrawn. The proposed amendments are already included in ADR 2021.* |
| INF.5 (CEFIC) | Stability of tank vehicles – ADR 9.7.5.1 and 9.7.5.2 |
| INF.18 (Spain) | Differences between ADR 2021 and IAEA Regulations |

**9. Election of officers for 2021**

In accordance with Chapter V of the Rules and Procedures of the Working Party, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1, the Working Party will elect a Chairperson and a vice-Chairperson for 2021.

**10. Adoption of the report**

The Working Party may wish to adopt the report of its 108th session based on a draft prepared by the secretariat.

1. <https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XI-B-14&chapter=11&clang=_en> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)