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RID/ADR/ADN

Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Bern, 16 - 20 March 2020)

Recommendations for delegates participating in the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting in relation to the new Corona Virus

Note by the Secretariat

1. Following consultation with the Chairman of the Joint Meeting, the UNECE and OTIF secretariats have decided to hold the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting from 16 to 20 March, as planned.
2. Before taking this decision, we carried out a risk assessment with the health authorities of Switzerland and the Canton of Berne. The health authorities also have no objections to holding this meeting.
3. The OTIF Secretariat is following further developments very carefully. If the Swiss health authorities impose any further conditions next week, it might be the case that the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting will have to be cancelled at short notice. Please therefore look out for any further informal documents on this issue that are published on the UNECE and OTIF websites up to Friday, 14 March 2020.
4. Please find below some information and recommendations which you must observe.

Corona Virus hotlines

- Hotline in Switzerland (Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH))
058 463 00 00 (7/7 – 24h/24)
- Hotline for travellers (FOPH)
058 464 44 88 (7/7 – 24h/24)
- Hotline of the Canton of Berne
0800 634 634

General information

- Federal Office of Public Health: <https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov.html>
- Canton of Berne <https://www.be.ch/portal/de/index/imfokus/Corona.html> (French and German only)
- General Direction of Health, Canton of Geneva: <https://www.ge.ch/nouveau-coronavirus-covid-19-ex-2019-ncov> (English and French only)
- World Health Organisation (WHO) <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>
- Travel information <http://www.safetravel.ch>

How to behave during the travel/meeting

- If you have difficulties breathing, a cough or fever, stay at home or in your hotel. Provide information on whether you have recently been in an area affected by the coronavirus and have symptoms.

Seek medical attention and call in advance.

Reminder of basic protective measures

- Wash your hands several times a day with soap and water, or use sanitiser.
- Avoid shaking hands.
- Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- If you have to cough or sneeze, hold a paper tissue in front of your nose and mouth. Then dispose of the tissue in a bin, wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water, or sanitiser.
- If you do not have a paper tissue, cough and sneeze into the crook of your arm.



Important recommendation for particularly vulnerable people

People who are particularly vulnerable are those who are 65 or older and those who suffer from any of the following illnesses:

- **Hypertension,**
- **Diabetes,**
- **Cardiovascular disorders,**
- **Chronic respiratory illnesses,**
- **Illnesses and therapies which weaken the immune system,**
- **Cancer.**

The health authorities strongly recommend people with any of the above not to take part in larger events.

OTIF Protective Measures

- Crisis Management Team (Contact: Ms Françoise Jäggi +41 31 359 10 18 or Mr Wolfgang Küpper + 41 31 359 10 10)
- Disinfection devices at entrance and on every floor.

New coronavirus

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PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS



Wash your hands thoroughly.



Cough and sneeze into a tissue or the crook of your arm.



Dispose of used paper tissues in a sealed waste bin.



Avoid shaking hands.



Stay at home if you have a high temperature and a cough.



Always call ahead before going to the doctor's or the emergency department.

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