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**Subject:** Status of publication of standards

#### Information from the Secretariat

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1. The discussion at the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (Geneva, 17 to 21 September 2018) on the status of publication of standards is reproduced below (see also document OTIF/RID/RC/2018-B – ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/152).

#### **“VI. PROPOSALS TO AMEND RID/ADR/ADN (ITEM 5)**

##### **A. Pending issues**

1. **Status of publication of standards which were not published in time to be included in the list of amendments to be notified to Contracting Parties for entry into force on 1 January 2019**

*Documents:* ECE/TRANS/WP.15/242, paragraphs 13 and 43 and annexes III and IV (Secretariat)  
OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2018-A, paragraph 8 and annex II (OTIF Secretariat)  
OTIF/RID/CE/2018-A, paragraphs 6 to 8 (OTIF Secretariat)  
OTIF/RID/RC/2018/29 (France)

*Informal documents:* INF.12 (France)  
INF.16 (AEGPL)

16. The Joint Meeting noted that the amendments concerning references to new standards or modifications to referenced standards which were adopted by the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15) at its 103<sup>rd</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup> sessions and by the Joint Meeting at its spring 2018 session, and which were still unpublished

on 1 June 2018 could not be included in the list of amendments to be notified to the Contracting Parties on 1 July 2018 for entry into force on 1 January 2019. Consequently, the amendments relating to standards EN ISO 17871:2015 + A1:2018, EN 1440:2016 + A1:2018, EN 16728:2016 + A1:2018, EN 13317:2018, EN 14025:2018 and EN 12972:2018 had been listed separately in annexes III and IV of the report of WP.15 on its 104<sup>th</sup> session, as draft amendments adopted by WP.15 for entry into force as soon as possible following their publication.

17. Noting that this procedure would require a separate notification to Contracting Parties, several delegations recalled that, due to European Union and national procedural requirements for transposition into national law of amendments notified following this procedure, their timely implementation could not be ensured. On these grounds, the Joint Meeting agreed that it would be preferable to consider their adoption for the 2021 edition of RID/ADR.
  18. The Joint Meeting recognized however that in the case of EN 12972, the scientific and technical progress achieved since the 2007 edition (currently referred to in RID/ADR) and the 2018 edition justified the application of the provisions of the latter as soon as possible. It was noted that 6.8.2.7 of RID/ADR allowed competent authorities to approve the use of standards adopted for reference in a future edition of RID/ADR. There was agreement that a possible way to ensure the harmonized application of these provisions in all Contracting Parties/Contracting States, could be to encourage inspection bodies to apply the provisions of EN 12972:2018 as from a commonly agreed date, on the understanding that after that date, only the 2018 edition of the standard should be used.
  19. The Joint Meeting welcomed a proposal for the 2021 edition of RID/ADR, detailing the amendments relating to the standards referred to in paragraph 16 above and including the dates of application for each of them.”
2. The RID Committee of Experts' standing working group is asked to agree to the publication on OTIF's website of the guideline contained in the annex to this document (annex III to the report of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting – OTIF/RID/RC/2018-B (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/152)).

**Annex****Guideline for the application of EN 12972 (Tanks for transport of dangerous goods – Testing, inspection and marking of metallic tanks) for compliance with RID**

In order to comply with the requirements of RID, EN 12972:2007 referenced in 6.8.2.6.2 of RID needs to be applied together with the requirements of RID in 1.1.5.

EN 12972:2018 has been published and it has been decided that this standard will be referenced in the 2021 edition of RID.

To aid compliance with and consistent application of the 2019 edition of RID, competent authorities are encouraged to approve the use of EN 12972:2018 for testing and inspection of tanks according to RID 6.8.2.7 paragraph 3 as soon as possible, but no later than 1 January 2020.

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