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Subject: 113th session of WP.15 (Geneva, 15 to 17 May 2023)

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Extracts from the draft report of the 113th session of WP.15 (Geneva, 15 to 17 May 2023)
(document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/262)

I. Attendance

1. The Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods held its 113th session from 15–17 May 2023, with Ms. A. Roumier (France) as Chair and Mr. A. Simoni (Italy) as Vice-Chair.
2. Representatives from the following countries took part in the session: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye and the United Kingdom.
3. Representatives of Zimbabwe also took part in the session, as provided for in paragraph 11 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe.
4. The following intergovernmental organization was represented: Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF).
5. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic), European Confederation of Fuel Distributors (ECFD), International Association of Dangerous Goods Safety Advisers (IASA), International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA) and International Road Transport Union (IRU).

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III. Eighty-fifth session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) (agenda item 2)

Documents: ECE/TRANS/328 and ECE/TRANS/328/Add.1 (Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its eighty-fifth session)
ECE/TRANS/2023/21 (ITC secretariat)
ECE/TRANS/2023/4/Rev.1 (ITC secretariat)

Informal document: [INF.19](#) (Secretariat)

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10. In this context, the Working Party welcomed the reminder in informal document INF.19 of the rules on methods of work that it had adopted in the past. It wished to resume discussions on its calendar of sessions and its rules for documentation at the next session on the basis of informal document INF.19, which would be submitted as an official document.
11. The Working Party has already confirmed that the agenda for the last sessions of the biennial periods (November sessions of odd-numbered years) could be extended to new proposals for amendments, as has been done in previous years. In particular, this made it possible to take advantage of the time freed up by the fact that the documents adopted by the Joint Meeting concerning the provisions common to the three inland transport modes were, in general, no longer discussed again within the Working Party in order to focus on new provisions specific to road transport.

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IV. Status of the Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and related issues (agenda item 3)

A. Status of the Agreement

13. There have been no changes to the status of ADR (54 contracting parties) nor to that of the Protocol of amendment of 1993 (40 contracting parties) since the last session.

B. Protocol of amendment of 1993

14. The Working Party encouraged the countries that had not yet deposited the required legal instruments for the Protocol of 1993 to enter into force (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Montenegro, Morocco, North Macedonia, Nigeria, San Marino, Tajikistan and Uganda) to take the necessary measures to ratify or accede to it so that it could come into effect.

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V. Work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (agenda item 4)

Documents: [ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/168](#) (Report of the Joint Meeting on its spring 2023 session)
[ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2023/14](#) (Germany)

Informal documents: [INF.7](#) (Secretariat)
[INF.8](#) (France)
[INF.18](#) (Finland)
[INF.24](#) (Germany)

16. The Working Party endorsed the amendments adopted by the Joint Meeting at its spring 2023 session, as contained in informal document INF.7 in English, French and Russian with some editorial changes (see annex). The amendments to 6.8.2.2.11 and related transitional measures, in square brackets, will be confirmed at the 114th session after further discussion at the next session of the Joint Meeting.
17. The Working Party agreed to maintain the reference to Chapter 3.5 in the text of 5.4.1.1.21, as amended, although 3.5.6 refers to documents other than the transport document provided for in Chapter 5.4 of ADR.
18. The text of document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2023/14 was adopted with the editorial changes adopted by the Joint Meeting and with additional editorial changes (see annex¹).

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VI. Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B of ADR (agenda item 5)

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B. Miscellaneous proposals

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4. Discrepancy between 6.8.1.5 of RID and ADR

Informal document: [INF.25](#) (Belgium)

36. The Working Party noted that the notes in 6.8.1.5.1 (a) and 6.8.1.5.4 (a) applied to tank-vehicles and tank-containers in ADR, whereas they did not apply in RID.
37. The Working Party invited the representative of Belgium to submit his document to the Joint Meeting for consideration by the Working Group on Tanks.

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VII. Interpretation of ADR (agenda item 6)

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C. Transport of dangerous goods as part of duties to protect the public

Document: [ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/168](#), paras. 35 and 36 (Report of the Joint Meeting on its spring 2023 session)

Informal document: [INF.4](#) (Netherlands)

48. The Working Party confirmed the interpretation of the Joint Meeting that the provisions in 1.1.3.1 (d) and (e) allowed public services (e.g. police, enforcement, customs) to carry dangerous goods as part of their duties to protect the public. That interpretation would be published on the relevant page of the ECE website.

¹ Note by the Secretariat: As it was decided at the last RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting to only include the provisions contained in document OTIF/RID/RC/2023/14 in ADR, the amendments are not reproduced in this document. However, they are included in document OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2023/5, which proposes to include the provisions for the carriage of molten aluminium in RID as well.

49. However, the Working Party was of the opinion that it might be useful to specify in more detail the cases covered by 1.1.3.1 and invited the representative of the Netherlands to reconsider this question, for road transport, on the basis of informal document INF.14, which had been presented to the Joint Meeting at its spring 2023 session, and in the light of the comments received.

D. Examination for the renewal of the safety adviser certificate

Informal document: [INF.14](#) (Ireland)

50. Most of the delegations that expressed their views indicated that, by decision of the competent authority, the examination for the renewal of the safety adviser certificate organized in their country did not include a case study, as mentioned in 1.8.3.12.4 (b). Other countries, such as Ireland, had chosen to maintain the case study for examinations for renewal.
51. The Working Party noted that the different language versions of the text of 1.8.3.16.2 were not completely aligned and that this could, therefore, lead to different interpretations. As this text is common to RID, ADR and ADN, any proposed amendments should be discussed by the Joint Meeting.

E. Reference to machinery and equipment in relation to 1.1.3.6.3, first indent

Informal document: [INF.15](#) (IASA)

52. Most of the delegations which spoke considered that it was the net mass of the dangerous substance contained which should be taken into consideration in the case of UN No. 2990.
53. The Working Party invited the representative of IASA to contact the delegation of Spain, which had already prepared proposals on the classification of articles and of dangerous goods in machinery and equipment in RID, ADR and ADN and, possibly, to submit an official document to the Joint Meeting.

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IX. Programme of work (agenda item 8)

57. The 114th session of the Working Party would be held from 6 to 10 November 2023. The agenda items for that session would be the same as for the 113th session, with the addition of an item for the election of officers.
58. The deadline for submission of formal documents for that session was 11 August 2023.

X. Any other business (agenda item 9)

A. Competent authority approval in accordance with ADR 2.1.2.8 and proposed amendment to the Dangerous Goods List of the Model Regulations

Informal document: [INF.10](#) (Ireland)

59. The Working Party advised the representative of Ireland to submit her document to the informal working group on the transport of hazardous waste of the Joint Meeting for advice before making a proposal to the Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods for the amendment of the Dangerous Goods List in the Model Regulations.

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C. Carriage of empty uncleaned packaging waste

Informal document: [INF.11](#) (Ireland)

61. The Working Party advised the representative of Ireland to submit her document to the informal working group on the transport of hazardous waste of the Joint Meeting for advice.

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XI. Adoption of the report (agenda item 10)

63. The Working Party adopted the report of its 113th session and its annex on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

Draft amendments to annexes A and B of ADR for entry into force on 1 January 2025

The 113th session of WP.15 (Geneva, 15 to 17 May 2023) adopted amendments that have repercussions for RID and which are therefore reproduced below. Amendments that only concern ADR are not shown.

Amendments to the texts adopted by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (see [ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/168](https://www.unece.org/transport/working-papers/1/working-paper/1-168.html))

Chapter 5.4

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