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**RID Committee of Experts' standing
working group**

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**TO THE MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATED MEMBERS OF OTIF
AND TO REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE ACCEDED TO
COTIF**

**17th Session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group
(Berne, 22 May 2024)**

1. At the 16th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (London, 20 to 23 November 2023), it was agreed to hold the 17th session on 22 and 23 May 2024 (see report [OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2023-A](#), paragraph 59). Directly after this meeting, the 58th session of the RID Committee of Experts was to be held on 23 May 2024. At this session, all the amendments that are due to enter into force on 1 January 2025 should be formally adopted.
2. In view of the fact that few documents other than those for the 2025 revision of RID have been announced, it has been agreed with the Chair, Ms Caroline Bailleux, and the Vice-Chair, Mr Othmar Krammer, to shorten the 17th session of the standing working group to one day and to hold the 58th session of the RID Committee of Experts on the morning of 23 May 2024.

TIME OF THE MEETING

3. The 17th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group will be held on **Wednesday, 22 May 2024**. The meeting will start **at 10:00 CEST** and will end **at 17:30 CEST**.
4. The 58th session of the RID Committee of Experts will take place on Thursday, 23 May 2024 directly after the 17th session of the standing working group. The invitation to the RID Committee of Experts will be sent separately.
5. The 17th session of the standing working group and the 58th session of the RID Committee of Experts will be organised as meetings with personal attendance only.

VENUE

6. The meeting will be held at:

[Universal Postal Union \(UPU\)](#)
[Weltpoststrasse 4](#)
[CH – 3015 Bern](#)

The meeting will be held in the “Montgomery Blair B” room on the ground floor.

HOTELS

7. Hotels in Berne are listed on the following [website](#).

RULES OF PROCEDURE

8. In accordance with Article 22 § 3 of the [RID Committee of Experts' Rules of Procedure](#), the Rules of Procedure will be applied analogously at meetings of the working groups.
9. In connection with Article 5 § 2 of these Rules of Procedure, the RID Committee of Experts decided to invite the same organisations and associations to the meetings of the RID Committee of Experts and its standing working group as are invited to the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting.
10. In accordance with Article 11 § 3 of the Rules of Procedure, official proposals must be submitted by no later than **9 April 2024**.

LANGUAGES

11. The working languages will be English, French and German. There will be consecutive interpretation into French and German and simultaneous interpretation into English.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

12. Based on the information and proposals available so far, the Secretariat of OTIF proposes the following provisional agenda:

ITEM 1: Approval of the agenda

ITEM 2: Presence

ITEM 3: Approval of the draft notification texts

ITEM 4: Interpretation of RID

ITEM 5: Proposals to amend RID

a) Pending issues

b) New proposals

ITEM 6: Harmonisation of RID and SMGS Annex 2

ITEM 7: Information from the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA)

ITEM 8: Any other business

COMMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION

13. The [working documents](#) and [informal documents](#) for this session of the standing working group can be downloaded from OTIF's website.
14. The following topics should be discussed under the various items of the agenda. Further topics may be added on the basis of documents still to be received:

ITEM 2: Even though Article 20 (Quorum) of the Rules of Procedure does not apply to the meeting of this working group, it is requested that as many RID Contracting States as possible take part in order to obtain results that are likely to achieve majority support so that they can be adopted at the 58th session of the RID Committee of Experts on 23 May 2024.

At the 6th session, Ms Caroline Bailleux (Belgium) was elected to chair this standing working group until further notice. At the 10th session, Mr Othmar Krammer (Austria) was elected as Deputy Chair until further notice.

ITEM 3: Taking into account the results of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (Berne, 25 - 28 March 2024), the Secretariat will prepare a draft version of the notification texts for the 2025 edition of RID on the basis of document [OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2023/10](#) from the last session of the standing working group, which will include all the decisions of the 16th session of the standing working group and the final decisions of the Joint Meeting.

The Secretariat will also prepare a document containing the decisions of the 115th session of WP.15 (Geneva, 2 - 5 April 2024) which might have an impact on RID.

ITEM 4: So far, no documents are available for this agenda item.

ITEM 5 a): So far, no documents are available for this agenda item.

The following information and documents have been announced:

- Adaptation of the checklists for filling or emptying gas tank-wagons to take account of the holding time (see Report [OTIF/RID/RC/GTP/2023-A](#), paragraph 22);
- Handbook for the application of RID (see Report [OTIF/RID/RC/GTP/2023-A](#), paragraph 51).

ITEM 5 b): The following documents have been announced:

- Special provision for the marking of tanks TM 6 omitted for four entries;
- Assignment of special provisions for wagon equipment WE 4 and WE 5 to all entries in Table A of Chapter 3.2;
- Possible adaptation of the RID Committee of Experts' Rules of Procedure (see Report [OTIF/RID/RC/GTP/2023-A](#), paragraph 9).

ITEM 6: So far, no documents are available for this agenda item.

ITEM 7: ERA will submit information on this standing agenda item in an informal document. The Member States are asked to make any requests concerning the content of the information from ERA via the Secretariat.

ITEM 8: So far, no documents are available for this agenda item.

REGISTRATION

15. Delegates are kindly requested to register their attendance **by no later than 3 May 2024** using the [online form](#).

TRAVEL TICKETS

16. Those delegates who intend travelling by train are asked to contact the relevant railway networks directly to obtain any facilitated transport services.

Yours faithfully



(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General

cc:

- interested international organisations and associations, as an invitation
- railway undertakings, with the request to honour the above-mentioned free travel