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**RID Committee of Experts**

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**TO THE MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATED MEMBERS OF OTIF  
AND TO REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE ACCEDED TO  
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**58<sup>th</sup> Session of the RID Committee of Experts**

**(Berne, 23 May 2024)**

1. At the 16<sup>th</sup> session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (London, 20 to 23 November 2023), it was agreed to hold the 58<sup>th</sup> session of the RID Committee of Experts on 23 May 2024 directly after the 17<sup>th</sup> session of its standing working group (Berne, 22 and 23 May 2024) (see report [OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2023-A](#), paragraph 59).
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 17<sup>th</sup> session of the standing working group to one day and to hold the 58<sup>th</sup> session of the RID Committee of Experts on the morning of 23 May 2024.

### TIME OF THE MEETING

3. The 58<sup>th</sup> session of the RID Committee of Experts will be held **on Thursday, 23 May 2024**. The meeting will start **at 09:30 CEST** and will end **at 12:30 CEST at the latest**.
4. This session of the RID Committee of Experts will be held directly after the 17<sup>th</sup> session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Berne, 22 May 2024). The invitation to the standing working group will be sent separately.
5. The 58<sup>th</sup> session of the RID Committee of Experts will be held as a meeting 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. This session of the RID Committee of Experts will be held under the conditions of the [Rules of Procedure of the RID Committee of Experts](#) adopted at the 55<sup>th</sup> session.
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 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**. Owing to the shorter duration of the RID Committee of Experts, these proposals will be examined beforehand by the 17<sup>th</sup> session of the standing working group (Berne, 22 May 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 and quorum

ITEM 3: Election of the Chairs

ITEM 4: Approval of the amendments to RID proposed by the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth sessions of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Berne/hybrid, 23 and 24 November 2022, London, 20 to 23 November 2023 and Berne, 22 May 2024) for entry into force on 1 January 2025

ITEM 5: Any other business

## COMMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION

13. The following topics should be discussed under the various items of the agenda:

ITEM 4: 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 16<sup>th</sup> session of the standing working group and the final decisions of the Joint Meeting.

Following the 17<sup>th</sup> session of the standing working group (Berne, 22 May 2024), the Secretariat will also prepare a document setting out the decisions on the above-mentioned draft version of the notification texts.

ITEM 5: The following document was announced:

- Possible adaptation of the RID Committee of Experts' Rules of Procedure (see Report [OTIF/RID/RC/GTP/2023-A](#), paragraph 9).

14. The [working documents](#) and [informal documents](#) for this session of the RID Committee of Experts can be downloaded from OTIF's website.

## REGISTRATION

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

**Please remember that for a quorum in the RID Committee of Experts in accordance with Article 20 § 1 of the Rules of Procedure, one third of the RID Contracting States must be present and that Article 4 § 1 of the Rules of Procedure also allows States to be represented by another RID Contracting State.**

## 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