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**TO DELEGATES OF THE RID COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS' WORKING
GROUP ON TANK AND VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY**

**Invitation to the 19th session
(Berne/hybrid, 22 and 23 November 2022)**

1. At its 14th session (Berne, 23 and 24 May 2022), the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group agreed to hold the 19th session of the working group on tank and vehicle technology on 21 and 22 November 2022 (see report [OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2022-A](#), paragraph 35).
2. The 15th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group was to have been held directly after the 19th session of the working group on tank and vehicle technology, from 23 to 25 November 2022.
3. Due to the limited number of topics to be dealt with at the session of the standing working group, the Secretariat and the Chairs of both working groups have decided to reduce the duration of both meetings to three days in total.
4. The 19th session of the working group on tank and vehicle technology and the 15th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group will be held as hybrid meetings, which delegates may attend in person or take part in remotely. The invitation to the standing working group will be sent separately.

TIME OF THE SESSION

5. **The session will start at 9.30 CET on 22 November 2022 and will end at 12.30 CET on 23 November 2022.**
6. The Swiss authorities lifted all restrictions in relation with the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, international conferences are no longer subject to restrictions on access, distance, hygiene, the obligation to wear a mask or data collection. Hosts or organisers may decide to require the wearing of masks or to impose other restrictions on access to certain places or events, in particular if this is necessary to ensure the protection of those present.
7. Currently, no special measures are in place at the designated meeting venue.
8. Depending on the situation in terms of infections, the Swiss health authorities may also impose stricter measures at short notice before the meeting, which may restrict personal participation or make it impossible. If you decide to attend in person, we recommend that you organise your travel in such a way that bookings can be cancelled at any time.
9. The website of the [Swiss Federal Office of Public Health](#) contains more information about the current requirements for entering Switzerland. We will inform you of the current status around two weeks before the meeting. At that time, we will also provide you with the access details to attend the meeting remotely.

VENUE

10. 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

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

CHAIR

12. As decided at the 44th session of the RID Committee of Experts (see report OTIF/RID/CE/2007-A, paragraph 108), Mr Rainer Kogelheide (UIP) will chair the working group until further notice.

LANGUAGES

13. At the meeting, participants may speak in German, English or French. There will be simultaneous interpretation into English.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

14. 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: Extra-large tank-containers:

- Loading assumptions for extra-large tank-containers to be operated without shunting restrictions like tank-wagons (6.8.2.1.2) (see reports OTIF/RID/CE/GTT/2020-A, paragraphs 43 to 47, OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2020-A, paragraph 52, and OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2022-A, paragraph 31)
- Implementation of the provisions of 6.8.2.1.29 (minimum distance between the headstock plane and the shell) and of special provisions TE 22 (energy absorption elements) and TE 25 (protection against overriding) in the case of extra-large tank-containers (see reports OTIF/RID/CE/GTT/2018-A, paragraphs 20 to 22 and 35 to 40, OTIF/RID/CE/GTT/2020-A, paragraphs 20 to 24, OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2020-A, paragraphs 59 to 63, OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2021-A, paragraphs 31 to 36, and OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2022-A, paragraphs 32 and 33)
- Rule on the degree of filling of tank-containers (4.3.2.2.4) in railway transport (see reports OTIF/RID/CE/GTT/2020-A, paragraphs 31 to 36, and OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2021-A, paragraphs 37 to 39)

- Current experience with operating extra-large tank-containers – Signs of fatigue on extra-large tank-containers and carrying wagons (see report OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2020-A, paragraph 57, and OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2022-A, paragraph 34)

ITEM 3: Definition of protective aims in RID replacing the provisions of 6.8.2.1.29 (minimum distance between the headstock plane and the shell) and special provisions TE 22 (energy absorption elements) and TE 25 (protection against overriding)

ITEM 4: Requirements for wagons equipped with digital automatic coupling or requirements for these coupling systems (see report OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2022-A, paragraphs 23 to 27)

- Results of ERA’s workshop of 12 October 2022

ITEM 5: Any other business

15. The following documents are available so far:

OTIF/RID/CE/GTT/2018-A	Final report of the 15 th session of the RID Committee of Experts’ working group on tank and vehicle technology (Hamburg, 30 and 31 January 2018)
OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2018-A	Final report of the 9 th session of the RID Committee of Experts’ standing working group (Berne, 28 and 29 May 2018)
OTIF/RID/CE/GTT/2018-B	Final report of the 16 th session of the RID Committee of Experts’ working group on tank and vehicle technology (Krakow, 19 and 20 November 2018)
OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2018-B	Final report of the 10 th session of the RID Committee of Experts’ standing working group (Krakow, 21 to 23 November 2018)
OTIF/RID/CE/GTT/2019-A	Final report of the 17 th session of the RID Committee of Experts’ working group on tank and vehicle technology (Ludwigshafen, 14 and 15 October 2019)
OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2019-A	Final report of the 11 th session of the RID Committee of Experts’ standing working group (Vienna, 25 to 28 November 2019)
OTIF/RID/CE/GTT/2020-A	Final report of the 18 th session of the RID Committee of Experts’ working group on tank and vehicle technology (Video-conference, 6 and 7 October 2020)
OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2020-A	Final report of the 12 th session of the RID Committee of Experts’ standing working group (Video-conference, 24 to 26 November 2020)
OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2021-A	Final report of the 13 th session of the RID Committee of Experts’ standing working group (Geneva/hybrid, 15 to 18 November 2021)

OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2022-A	Final report of the 14 th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Berne/hybrid, 23 and 24 May 2022)
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At the 13th session of the standing working group, the representative of Germany indicated that the German Centre for Rail Traffic Research at the Federal Office for Railways (DZSF) was applying for research work on the effects of surge movements in rail transport (see report OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2021-A, paragraph 38).

At the 14th session of the standing working group, the representative of Cefic announced that he would prepare an informal document, in which experience with operating extra-large tank-containers would be described, including experience with hump shunting (see report OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2022-A, paragraph 34).

The representative of ERA offered to report on the results of the workshop on RID requirements for digital automatic coupling (12 October 2022).

REGISTRATION

- Delegates are kindly requested to register their attendance **as usual by no later than 4 November 2022** using the [online form](#). This is particularly important, as remote participation is only possible with a personal link that will be sent before the meeting. If you do not register in time, there is a risk that you will not receive the necessary information in time.

Yours faithfully,

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(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General