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**TO THE MEMBER STATES OF OTIF, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF OTIF,
REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE ACCEDED TO COTIF, AND
TO INVITED INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Invitation to the 6th meeting of the Joint Coordinating Group of Experts
Bern/hybrid, 6 September 2023

The Secretary General of OTIF is convening the 6th meeting of the Joint Coordinating Group of Experts (JCGE) on improving the consistency between legislation relating to the transport of dangerous goods by rail and legislation relating to the safety and interoperability of railways on

6 September 2023

10:00 – 17:30 (CEST)

Participants will have the option of being physically present or may participate remotely. For those who wish to attend in person, the session will take place at the

Universal Postal Union

Weltpoststrasse 4

3015 Bern, Switzerland

Details on remote connection will be provided in due course.

The JCGE was set up following the conclusions of the RID-ATMF Working Group meeting on 13 April 2017 and the creation of this group was endorsed by OTIF's RID Committee of Experts and Committee of Technical Experts, and by the EU's Committee on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and Railway Interoperability and Safety Committee. This type of coordination was anticipated under point 7 of the Annex of the Administrative Arrangements between the OTIF Secretariat, the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport of the European Commission (DGMOVE) and the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) ([Administrative Arrangements/OTIF/DGMOVE/ERA](#)).

This meeting of JCGE will be held under the conditions of [the Rules of Procedure](#) adopted at its second meeting held in Bern on 9 and 10 September 2019.

The meeting languages will be in accordance with Article 9 of the Rules of Procedure. Representatives may therefore speak in English, German or French. There will be simultaneous interpretation into English only.

The provisional agenda can be found in Annex 1.

In the view of the conclusions of the ERA workshops on harmonisation of requirements regarding dangerous goods in TSI WAG and RID, the Secretariat of the JCGE proposes to give priority to analysing the draft proposal for migration of wagon-related requirements from RID to UTP and TSIs (agenda item 3). The conclusion of the analysis will be submitted to the aforementioned committees. Therefore, the Secretariat of the JCGE suggests that the other priority items only be dealt with when the discussion on this topic has been completed (agenda item 4).

The working documents for the meeting will be published on OTIF's website under:

[Activities](#) > [Dangerous Goods](#) > [Joint Coordinating Group of Experts](#) > [Working Documents](#) > [2023](#)

The list of invited international organisations and associations can be found in Annex 2.

The registration form for the meeting can be found on OTIF's website under:

[Events](#) > [Registration Form](#)

In order to receive an invitation with instructions to connect to the remote meeting, please register as soon as possible and by **31 August 2023** at the latest.

Yours faithfully,



(Wolfgang Küpper)
Secretary General

Annexes:

1. Provisional agenda
2. List of invited international associations

Annex 1: Provisional Agenda

- 1. Approval of the agenda**
- 2. Appointment of chair or co-chairs**
- 3. Analyses of draft proposal for migration of wagon-related requirements from RID to UTP and TSIs**

INF 1: Draft proposal for migration of wagon-related requirements from RID to UTP and TSIs

The following items are reflected in the draft proposal for migration of wagon-related requirements from RID to UTP and TSIs:

- 6.8.2.1.2 on maximum permissible load on tank-wagons,
- 6.8.3.1.6 on tank protection, and
- other input since 2017: central coupling and harmonised energy absorption.

- 4. Review of the list of priority items**

OTIF/RID/CE/JCGE/2022-A/Add.1: Priority Items List updated according to the results of the 5th JCGE meeting

Rapporteurs (Secretariat, ERA, DG MOVE, UIP, DE, FR) are invited to provide an update on their respective items from the priority list.

- 5. Any other business**
- 6. Next meeting**

Annex 2: List of invited international associations

- European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic)
- Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER)
- Association of the Notified Bodies (NB-Rail)
- International Union of Railways (UIC)
- International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP)
- International Union of Combined Road-Rail Transport Companies (UIRR)
- Association of the European Rail Industry (UNIFE)