



On the agenda of the 11th session of the standing working group

The 11th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group will be held in Vienna from 25 to 29 November 2019. The task of the standing working group is to prepare the decisions of the RID Committee of Experts, which only meets every two years.

At this session, harmonisation of RID with the 21st edition of the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods will be the main focus. The Secretariat of OTIF will submit a working document on this, which will also contain other draft amendments adopted by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting in 2018 and 2019.

The standing working group will also be informed of discussions at the working group on tank and vehicle technology.

In the context of harmonising RID with SMGS Annex 2, information will be provided on the status of work on the new Chapter 6.20 (Construction and Testing Provisions for 1520 mm Gauge Tank-Wagons) of SMGS Annex 2. In order that RID and SMGS Annex 2 can be harmonised as much as possible, there will also be simultaneous Russian interpretation at the session for experts on SMGS Annex 2.

Lastly, there will be a discussion on a possible study to be commissioned to compare the construction and testing requirements for RID tank-wagons and the requirements of the USA's Department of Transportation (DOT) and the American Association of Railroads (AAR).