



## RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting

The RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting will hold its first session of the 2020/2021 biennium on 10 and 11 and from 14 to 18 September 2020.

As the Joint Meeting in March 2020 had to be cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic, the usual meeting duration of one week has been extended by two days. The agenda for this meeting includes more than 60 official and 40 informal documents.

As there are still travel restrictions in various Member States, the secretariats of the UNECE and OTIF, together with the Chairman, have decided to enable remote participation in the Joint Meeting. The first part of the Joint Meeting on 10 and 11 September 2020 will be held as a video-conference, whereas in the week from 14 to 18 September 2020, a hybrid meeting will take place, which means that it will be possible to attend in person as well. The meeting has to be organised in this way so that as many delegations as possible can take part and the required decision-making quorum can be reached.

The Joint Meeting will try to reduce the backlog of documents that has built up as a result of the cancelled spring session. The agenda includes a lot of individual questions on various parts of RID/ADR/ADN.

As usual, two working groups on tank and standardisation issues will meet in parallel to the plenary meeting.

When dealing with the reports of various informal working groups that met between sessions of the Joint Meeting, some documents relating to the carriage of dangerous wastes will also be examined. These are the result of an informal working group that dealt with problems of the waste industry that arise when applying the provisions for the carriage of dangerous goods.

The Joint Meeting will also have to take decisions on preliminary proposals from the informal working group on reducing the risk of a BLEVE (boiling liquid expanding vapour explosion). In view of the road accident in Bologna (Italy) on 6 August 2018, which resulted in a BLEVE, this subject is of major importance.

