



RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting

The second session of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting in the 2020/2021 biennium will be held from 15 to 19 March 2021.

As many of the States parties still have travel restrictions in place, the secretariats of the UNECE and OTIF jointly decided to organise a remote meeting. These organisational arrangements are necessary so that as many delegations as possible can take part.

In addition to a number of tank technology issues relating *inter alia* to the continued use of tanks after the inspection periods have expired, a lot of documents on other detailed matters concerning all parts of RID/ADR/ADN have been submitted. The Joint Meeting will also start discussions on carrying over the amendments from the 22nd revised edition of the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. One of the main questions to be answered in this respect is whether the new Chapter 6.9 of the UN Recommendations, which contains construction and testing requirements for fibre-reinforced plastics portable tanks, will be included in RID/ADR in such a way that it applies simultaneously to RID/ADR tank-containers and ADR tank-vehicles, or whether this Chapter will be included without any changes and the current Chapter 6.9 of RID/ADR will be updated in parallel to reflect the latest technical state of the art.

The RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting is jointly organised twice a year by the Secretariat of OTIF and the UNECE Transport Division. Its aim is to harmonise the dangerous goods provisions for land transport (rail, road, inland waterways). In order to achieve this, experts examine amendments originating in particular from the UN Model Regulations and amendments that are specific to land transport.

