

RID Committee of Experts' Standing Working Group in London

The 16th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group, which also marks the 130th anniversary of the Dangerous Goods Regulations for rail transport, is taking place in London from 20 to 23 November 2023 and has been opened by the Rt. Hon. Mark Harper MP, the United Kingdom's Secretary of State for Transport.

The standing working group will initially consider all the decisions taken by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting in 2022 and 2023 with a view to their adoption at the RID Committee of Experts' meeting in May 2024. Various issues that remained unresolved at the last Joint Meeting still need to be resolved.

It is also discussing recommendations from the Joint Coordinating Group of Experts to transfer the technical vehicle requirements that apply to wagons for the carriage of dangerous goods, which are currently only contained in RID, to the Uniform Technical Prescriptions (UTP) and the Technical Specifications for Interoperability (TSI). Only protective objectives are then to be retained in RID. As these amendments also have to be approved by OTIF's Committee of Technical Experts and two other committees at European Union level, these legal amendments are not expected to come into force until 2027.

In addition to these two large blocks of tasks, the standing working group has other more minor proposals to deal with.

