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**Final report of the 52nd session of the RID Committee of Experts
(Riga, 13 November 2012)**

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ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Document: A 81-03/505.2012 (Secretariat)

1. The provisional agenda contained in calling notice A 81-03/505.2012 dated 19 October 2012 was adopted. None of the participants objected to the fact that it had not been possible to convene this session of the RID Committee of Experts in accordance with Article 8 § 1 of the Rules of Procedure within the usual deadlines. This had become necessary because of the decisions taken by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (Geneva, 17 to 21 September 2012).

ITEM 2: PRESENCE AND QUORUM

2. The secretariat noted that of 44 voting Member States, 21 States were present (see Annex II) and the quorum in accordance with Article 20 § 1 of the Rules of Procedure ($\frac{1}{3}$ of the Member States) was therefore reached.
3. The representative of the European Union repeated the declaration he had made at the 50th and 51st sessions of the RID Committee of Experts that he was representing 22 EU Member States. The secretariat again pointed out that regional organisations according to Article 38 § 2 of COTIF could only exercise the rights enjoyed by its members by virtue of the Convention. COTIF only made provision for the right to vote in the case of physical presence or if the right to vote is transferred to another Member State. The secretariat also drew attention to the fact that a document for OTIF's 11th General Assembly (Geneva, 19 and 20 September 2012) which was to clarify the question of voting rights had been deleted from the agenda at the request of the European Union.

ITEM 3: ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMEN

4. The chairman of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Riga, 12 – 15 November 2012), Mr Helmut Rein (Germany) was also tacitly elected to chair this session of the RID Committee of Experts.

ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF THE CORRECTIONS FOR THE 2013 EDITION OF RID PROPOSED BY THE RID/ADR/ADN JOINT MEETING (GENEVA, 17 TO 21 SEPTEMBER 2012)

Document: OTIF/RID/CE/2012/10 (Secretariat)

Informal documents: INF.1 (Secretariat)
INF.2 (Secretariat)

5. Taking into account the decision of the 93rd session of WP.15 (Geneva, 6 – 9 November 2012), the RID Committee of Experts decided to adopt all the corrections for the 2013 edition of RID contained in document 2012/10, with the exception of the amendment proposed to the reference to standard EN ISO/IEC 17020 for 1.8.6.8, 6.2.2.10, 6.2.3.6.1, 6.8.2.4.6 and for special provisions TA 4 and TT 9 in 6.8.4.
6. The Joint Meeting's working group on standards would be asked to re-examine the issue of changing from the 2004 to the 2012 edition of standard EN ISO/IEC 17020 and to establish transitional provisions.
7. The representatives of Germany and Sweden pointed out that certification had already been carried out on several occasions in accordance with the new edition of the standard. It should be ensured that there was legal certainty for these certifications. This problem could perhaps be dealt with in Brussels at the exchange of experiences for notified bodies.

8. As WP.15 had decided to publish these amendments in the form of a corrigendum for the 2013 edition of ADR, subject to approval from the United Nations in New York, there might be different dates of entry into force. At the suggestion of the secretariat, the RID Committee of Experts decided that in accordance with Article 35 § 3, these amendments would enter into force on 1 May 2013. If the usual amendment procedure were also to become necessary for ADR, which might lead to a later date of entry into force for ADR, the same date should be chosen for the RID amendments, provided this was before 1 July 2013.

Annex I:**Texts adopted by the 52nd session of the RID Committee of Experts for a date of entry into force before 1 July 2013****Chapter 2.2**

2.2.62.1.5.7 In the second sentence, replace "6.6.5" with:
"6.6.4".

Chapter 4.1**4.1.4.1**

P 114a For "Outer packagings", "Drums", after "other metal (1N1, 1N2)" insert the following entry:

"Plywood (1D)".

P 903 Paragraph (2), subparagraphs (a) and (b): Replace the existing text with:

"(a) Strong outer packagings;

(b) Protective enclosures (e.g., fully enclosed or wooden slatted crates); or

(c) Pallets or other handling devices."

List of participants

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Austria

Mr O. **Krammer** (Min.)

Belgium

Ms C. **Bailleux** (Min.)

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