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Subject: Texts adopted by the 100th session of WP.15 (Geneva, 9 – 12 May 2016)

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Extracts from the draft report of the 100th session of WP.15 (Geneva, 9 – 12 May 2016)

I. Attendance

1. The Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods held its 100th session from 9 to 12 May 2016 under the chairmanship of Mr. J. A. Franco (Portugal) and the vice-chairmanship of Ms. A. Roumier (France).
2. Representatives from the following countries took part in the session: Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom.
3. The European Union was represented.
4. The following intergovernmental organization was represented: Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF).
5. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: European Association for Coal and Lignite (EURACOAL), European Conference of Fuel Distributors (ECFD), European Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association (AEGPL), International Association for Natural Gas Vehicles (NGV Global), International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA), and International Road Transport Union (IRU).

II. Opening of the session

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8. On the occasion of the Working Party's 100th session, the Chair expressed thanks to OTIF, the European Union and the organizations representing road transport operators, the chemical, petrochemical and gas industry and the automobile industry for their long history of fruitful cooperation.

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VI. Interpretation of ADR (agenda item 4)

A. Mixed loading of explosives and detonators

Informal documents: INF.5 (Sweden)
INF.21 (Finland)

12. There was no consensus on the interpretation of the wording "no danger of transmission" in the English version of ADR. Some delegations considered that packages containing articles of compatibility group B mixed in loads with compatibility group D substances or articles should be separated so as to prevent any risk of transmission of a detonation, even if the likelihood of that occurring was very slim. Others believed that probability and an acceptable level of risk should be taken into consideration when authorizing containment systems. The Working Party noted that the French text made no mention of the concept of danger and that different containment criteria were applied at national level.
13. The representative of Sweden pointed out that Sweden was in the process of developing a containment method similar to the one in use in Finland, described in informal document INF.21.
14. Any proposed amendment of 7.5.2.2 should be submitted to the Joint Meeting, taking into consideration the national provisions already applied.

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VII. Work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (agenda item 5)

A. Amendments proposed by the Joint Meeting at its spring 2016 session

Documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/142 and Add.1 and 2

Informal document: INF.3 (Secretariat)

16. The Working Party considered the amendments and corrections contained in sections I and II of document INF.3. The amendments were adopted for entry into force on 1 January 2017, subject to some modifications (see annex ...). The Working Party noted that those modifications would also be brought to the attention of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group at its next session.
17. The Working Party noted that some of the references to standards had been left in square brackets in informal document INF.3 because the standards in question were due to become available in June 2016. It decided to include the references to standard EN 14025:2013+A1:2016 as adopted texts (thus, without brackets) in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/231/Add.1 (see annex ...). Should the standard in question not be available in time, it would be for the secretariat to draw up a corrigendum to document

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/231/Add.1 in which those references would be deleted.

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VIII. Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B of ADR (agenda item 6)

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B. Miscellaneous proposals

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6. National versions of instructions in writing

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2016/8 (Chair of the Working Party)

27. The proposal to add the obligation for the Contracting Parties to provide the UNECE secretariat with their official translations of the model instructions in writing so that the secretariat could make them available to all Contracting Parties was adopted, with editorial changes, for entry into force on 1 January 2017 (see annex ...).
28. After discussion, the Working Party agreed not to specify a deadline for sending updates of the instructions in writing.
29. The Working Party agreed, however, that the Contracting Parties to ADR should send the secretariat, as soon as possible and if possible by 1 July 2017, their official translations of the model of instructions in writing presented in 5.4.3.4 of ADR in force as at 1 January 2017, for dissemination through the UNECE Internet site.

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8. Amendments to the French version of ADR

Informal document: INF.17 (France)

31. The Working Party adopted the amendments to the French version of ADR proposed in informal document INF.17, with a correction, for entry into force on 1 January 2017 (see annex ...).

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9. Amendments concerning radioactive materials

Informal document: INF.18 (Secretariat)

34. The Working Party adopted the amendments proposed in informal document INF.18 to correct cross references in ADR and ensure coherence with the IAEA Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material. They would enter into force on 1 January 2017 (see annex ...).
35. IAEA would be informed of the amendments. Some of them also concerned the Model Regulations and would be proposed to the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods at its next session.

36. The Working Party noted that the term “cote” (identification mark) was used several times in the French version of chapter 6.4 in paragraphs that resulted from the harmonization with the Model Regulations and the IAEA Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material. Pending a closer check of the use of the term in the different regulations, the Working Party adopted the verbal proposal from France to delete the amendments in the French version of 6.4.23.12 and 6.4.23.16 included in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/231 (see annex ...).

10. Correction to Table 3 of packing instruction P 200

Informal document: INF.19 (France)

37. The Working Party adopted the proposal made by France that the reference to UN number 1790 in Table 3 of packing instruction P200 be deleted to ensure coherence with the information in Chapter 3.2, Table A, and to harmonize it with [the French version of] RID and the Model Regulations. The proposed modification was adopted as an amendment to enter into force on 1 January 2017 (see annex ...).

11. Reference to standards EN ISO 10297:2014 and EN ISO 14246:2014

Informal document: INF.26 (France)

38. The Working Party confirmed that it had already approved the reference to the standards at its ninety-sixth session in May 2014 and that it had not been possible to add the standards to ADR 2015 because they had not been published in time. The Working Party adopted the proposal by France that they be added to the version that would enter into force on 1 January 2017 (see annex ...).

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X. Any other business (agenda item 8)

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B. Amendments for the 2017 version of ADR

41. The amendments adopted at previous sessions for entry into force on 1 January 2017 had already been circulated in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/231. The Working Party asked the secretariat to circulate the amendments adopted at the current session which were also intended to enter into force on 1 January 2017 as a corrigendum (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/231/Corr.1) in the case of those that modified previously adopted amendments, and as an addendum (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/231/Add.1) for new amendments.

42. The Chairperson was asked to transmit all amendments to the Secretary-General through his Government so that they could be notified to ADR Contracting Parties on 1 July 2016 for acceptance in accordance with the procedure set out in article 14 of ADR.

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C. Questionnaire on the contact details of the competent authorities

Informal document: INF.25 (Secretariat)

45. A member of the secretariat noted that, in accordance with the provisions of section B, paragraph 1, of resolution 2015/7 of the Economic and Social Council, all Member States of the United Nations should send the secretariat the contact details of the competent authorities responsible for national regulations applicable to the transport of dangerous goods and the competent authorities allowing, in the name of the State, the allocation of the “UN” mark on packagings, pressure receptacles, bulk containers and portable tanks. The countries that were Contracting Parties to ADR and that had not already done so were invited to provide the secretariat promptly with the requested information, following the procedure described in informal document INF.25.

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VIII. Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B of ADR (agenda item 6) (*continued*)

B. Miscellaneous proposals (*continued*)

14. Transitional measure for vehicles containing lithium batteries not conforming to 2.2.9.1.7

Informal document: INF.10 (Switzerland)

50. After a vote, the proposal was adopted with some amendments, for entry into force on 1 January 2017 (see annex ...).

15. Special provision 376

Informal document: INF.12 (Switzerland)

51. After a vote, the proposal in paragraph 7 of informal document INF.12, specifying that transport category 0 applied to damaged cells and batteries to be carried under conditions approved by the competent authority, was approved for entry into force on 1 January 2017 (see annex ...).

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X. Any other business (agenda item 8) (*continued*)

E. Informal working group on editorial matters

Informal document: INF.6 (United Kingdom)

53. The Working Party noted with interest the proposal from the United Kingdom that consideration of language-related editorial matters be entrusted to an informal working group in order to avoid lengthy discussions in plenary on non-substantive issues. It was, however, pointed out that editorial matters sometimes had an impact on the substance, and that the French was the legally authentic version of the annexes to ADR.

54. The Working Party invited the representative of the United Kingdom to present a formal proposal to the next session of the Joint Meeting. It was suggested that if an informal group was to be formed, there should be a mandate and working procedures. Delegations that so wished were invited to transmit their comments and suggestions to the rep-

representative of the United Kingdom by 20 June 2016, to meet the submission deadlines for official documents for the Joint Meeting.

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G. Procedures to be followed for the communication of multilateral agreements concluded in accordance with section 1.5.1 of ADR

57. In response to a question from the representative of Switzerland, a member of the secretariat said that the Working Party had adopted a procedure for the communication of multilateral agreements concluded under section 1.5.1 of ADR. Under the procedure, a country that initiated a multilateral agreement must transmit the draft agreement to the secretariat before it was disseminated to other ADR Contracting Parties.
58. The procedure was shown on the multilateral agreements page of ADR on the ECE website and in annex II of the road map for implementation of ADR.

Texts adopted by WP.15

The 100th session of WP.15 (Geneva, 9 – 12 May 2016) adopted amendments that have repercussions for RID and which are therefore reproduced below. Amendments that only concern ADR or which have already been taken into account in document [OTIF/RID/NOT/2017] are not shown. The amendments are already worded as they would have to be if adopted for RID.

I. Draft amendments to annexes A and B of ADR for entry into force on 1 January 2017

A. Informal document INF.3, Part I (Corrections to the draft amendments in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/231 – [OTIF/RID/NOT/2017]) adopted with the following modifications

[The modifications do not apply to the text in document [OTIF/RID/NOT/2017].]

B. Informal document INF.3, Part II (Draft new amendments for entry into force on 1 January 2017) adopted with the following modifications

Note by the Secretariat: For RID, these draft amendments are included in document [OTIF/RID/NOT/2017].

Chapter 1.2

1.2.1 [The amendment to the definition of "maximum working pressure" in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

Chapter 3.3

SV 636 (b) [The amendment in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

Chapter 6.8

6.8.2.6.1 In the Table, for standard EN 14025:2013 + A1:[2016], delete the square brackets.

[The other modifications do not apply to the text in document [OTIF/RID/NOT/2017].]

C. Additional modifications to document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/231 – [OTIF/RID/NOT/2017]

Chapter 1.1

1.1.3.2 In paragraph (a), replace "in the tanks" by:
"in the fuel tanks or cylinders".

Chapter 6.4

6.4.23.12 (a) [The amendment in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

6.4.23.16 (b) [The amendment in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

D. New amendments

Chapter 1.6

1.6.1 At the end, add the following new 1.6.1.43:

"1.6.1.43 Vehicles registered or brought into service before 1 July 2017, as defined in special provisions 240, 385 and 669 of Chapter 3.3, and their equipment intended for use during carriage, which conform to the requirements of ADR applicable until 31 December 2016 but containing lithium cells and batteries which do not conform to the requirements of 2.2.9.1.7 may continue to be carried as a load in accordance with the requirements of special provision 666 of Chapter 3.3."

[Reference document: informal document INF.10]

Chapter 2.2

2.2.7.2.4.1.5 In paragraph (b), replace "2.2.7.2.4.5.1" by:

"2.2.7.2.4.5.2".

[Reference document: informal document INF.18]

Chapter 3.2

Table A

UN 2022 [The amendment in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

Table B

[The amendment to UN 2022 in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

Chapter 3.3

SP 369 Replace "2.2.7.2.3.6" by:

"2.2.7.2.3.5".

[Reference document: informal document INF.18]

SP 376 At the end, add the following new sentence:

"In this case the cells and batteries are assigned to transport category 0."

[Reference document: informal document INF.12]

SP 545 [The amendment in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

At the end, add the following new special provision 670:

"670 (Reserved)".

Chapter 4.1

P 200 In Table 3, delete the line corresponding to "UN 1790 HYDROFLUORIC ACID, solution, with more than 85% hydrofluoric acid".

[Reference document: informal document INF.19]

P 603 (former packing instruction P 805) Under "Special packing provision", delete:
"and 6.4.11.2".

[Reference document: informal document INF.18 as amended]

Chapter 4.3

4.3.3.2.5 [The amendments to UN numbers 1028 and 1060 in the French version do not apply to the English text.]

Chapter 5.1

5.1.5.5 Amend the Table as follows:

- Add the following new rows:

Alternative activity limits for an exempt consignment of instruments or articles	–	Yes	Yes	No	5.1.5.2.1 (e), 6.4.22.7
Fissile material excepted in accordance with 2.2.7.2.3.5 (f)	–	Yes	Yes	No	5.1.5.2.1 (a) (iii), 6.4.22.6

- In the first row ("Calculation of unlisted A_1 and A_2 values"), in the last column, replace "–" by:

"2.2.7.2.2.2 (a), 5.1.5.2.1 (d)".

- In the tenth row ("Low dispersible radioactive material"), in the last column, replace "6.4.22.3" by:

"6.4.22.5".

- In the thirteenth row ("Approved packages designs subjected to transitional measures"), in the last column, delete:

"1.6.6.1, ".

- In the thirteenth row ("Approved packages designs subjected to transitional measures"), at the end of the last column, insert:

", 6.4.22.9".

[Reference document: informal document INF.18 as amended]

Chapter 5.4

[5.4.3 Add the following new sub-section:

"5.4.3.5 RID Contracting States shall provide the OTIF secretariat with the official translation of the instructions in writing in their national language(s), in accordance with this section. The OTIF secretariat shall make the national versions of the instructions in writing that it has received available to all RID Contracting States."]

[Reference document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2016/8 as amended]

Chapter 6.1

6.1.5.5.4 [The amendments in the French version do not apply to the English text.]

Chapter 6.2

6.2.4.1 Amend the Table, under "for closures", as follows:

- For standard "EN ISO 10297:2006", in column (4), replace "Until further notice" by:

"Between 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2018".

- After standard "EN ISO 10297:2006", insert the following new row:

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
"EN ISO 10297:2014	Gas cylinders – Cylinder valves – Specification and type testing (ISO/DIS 10297:2012)	6.2.3.1 and 6.2.3.3	Until further notice	

- Add the following new standard:

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
EN ISO 14246:2014	Gas cylinders – Cylinder valves – Manufacturing tests and examinations (ISO 14246:2014)	6.2.3.1 and 6.2.3.4	Until further notice	

[Reference documents: informal document INF.26 and [OTIF/RID/NOT/2015]]

Chapter 6.4

6.4.11.8 (a) [The amendment in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

Chapter 6.5

6.5.6.2.2 [The amendment in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

Chapter 6.7

6.7.2.1 [The amendment in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

6.7.3.1 [The amendment in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

6.7.4.1 [The amendment in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

6.7.3.15.3 [The amendment in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

6.7.4.5.12 [The amendment in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

6.7.4.14.10 [The amendment in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

6.7.5.2.1 [The amendment in the French version does not apply to the English text.]

Chapter 6.8

6.8.3.2.9 [The amendment in the French version does not apply to the English text.]
