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Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the UNECE Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Bern (in-person session), 24-27 March 2026

Invitation, annotated provisional agenda and list of documents



The Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the UNECE Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Joint Meeting) will be held

from 24 to 27 March 2026.

Venue

The session will take place at the

**Universal Postal Union (UPU)
Weltpoststrasse 4
3015 Bern, Switzerland.**

Provisional timetable

The session will begin on Tuesday, 24 March at 10:00 a.m. Bern local time and is expected to end on Friday, 27 March at 12:30 p.m.

Rules of Procedure

The applicable Rules of Procedure of the Joint Meeting (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/112/Add.2) are available on the [UNECE website](#).

Provisional agenda

The provisional agenda was published on OTIF's website in document [RID-25048-JM](#) dated 23 December 2025.

Annotated provisional agenda and list of documents

The Joint Meeting is organised and conducted jointly by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the OTIF Secretariat. The provisional agenda and the subsequent annotated provisional agenda are therefore also published by the UNECE (see documents [ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/179](#) of 15 December 2025 and [ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/179/Add.1](#) of 12 January 2026).

1. Adoption of the agenda

Due to the constraints resulting from the United Nations liquidity crisis, the bureau of the Joint Meeting decided **to shorten the plenary session of the Joint Meeting, which will start on Tuesday morning, 24 March 2026 and end on Friday afternoon, 27 March 2026.**

The first item on the agenda concerns its adoption. The Joint Meeting will also have before it the report on its autumn 2025 session, held in Geneva from 17 to 25 September 2025 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/178 – RID-25028-JM and Add.1).

The following points should be borne in mind:

- (a) At its autumn 2025 session, the Joint Meeting elected Mr Soedesh Mahesh (Netherlands) as Chair and Ms Gudula Schwan (Germany) as Vice-Chair for 2026;
- (b) UNECE documents (other than agendas or reports) with the symbol ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ are circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) in German under the symbol RID-JM-2026- followed by the same document number. As part of the Secretariat's efforts to reduce expenditure, documents will not be available in the conference room. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to the meeting;

- (c) The documentation will be available on the [UNECE website](#) in English, French and Russian and on the [OTIF website](#) in German;
- (d) The Joint Meeting would, if necessary, like an ad hoc working group to meet outside the times of the plenary session to consider documents concerning standards (item 3), in accordance with the mandate to be decided by the Joint Meeting;
- (e) The working group on tanks has decided to hold a virtual meeting on Monday, 26 January 2026 and Tuesday, 27 January 2026 which will allow preliminary discussion of the documents on tanks (item 2). Delegates wishing to attend the virtual meeting of the working group on tanks are kindly requested to contact Mr A. Bale (United Kingdom) (Arne.Bale@socotec.com). In addition, the working group on tanks will meet from Monday, 23 March 2026 until Wednesday, 25 March 2026 in parallel to the plenary session;
- (f) The link for online registration of delegates is: https://otif.org/en/?page_id=214;
- (g) The Joint Meeting session will be organised as in-person meeting only. More detailed information on the running order and timetable will be circulated as usual in a later informal document;
- (h) The reading of the report (item 12) is scheduled for Friday (27 March 2026) without interpretation.

2. Tanks

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/3 (Liquid Gas Europe)	Proposal to amend the intermediate inspection requirements for safety valves fitted to tank-wagons/fixed tanks (tank-vehicles) and demountable tanks for the carriage of liquefied petroleum gases
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/4 (EIGA)	Test periods for elements of battery-vehicles
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/6 (ECMA)	Indication of the name and address of the manufacturer in the type approval certificate and the initial inspection and test certificate of a pressure receptacle
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/8 (Netherlands)	Proposal for a special provision for the protection of manhole covers on tank-wagons/tank-vehicles carrying toxic gases of Class 2
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/14 (ITCO)	Regulatory mitigations to assist industry following the elimination of dual approval – Provisions for UN portable tank access to dual approved tank substance lists and bottom discharge facilities
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/16 (ITCO)	Regulatory mitigations to assist industry following the elimination of dual approval – Provisions to add tank codes to Table A for substances where a portable tank instruction exists but no tank code
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/17 (ITCO)	Regulatory mitigations to assist industry following the elimination of dual approval – Provisions to harmonise filling ratios for UN portable tanks whilst operating on road and rail within RID/ADR territories
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/21 (France)	Replacement of service equipment for battery-wagon/battery-vehicle or MEGC
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/22 (Switzerland)	Transitional measures for tanks with dual approval

3. Standards

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/5 (Chair of the Working Group on Standards)	Information on the work of the Working Group on Standards
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4. Interpretation of RID/ADR/ADN

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/1 (IASA)	Clarification of the application of the exemption in 1.1.3.6
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/2 (IASA)	Clarification of the application of the exemption in 1.8.3.2 (b)

5. Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN:

(a) Pending issues

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/7 (Sweden)	Reference to the exclusion criteria in 2.2.1.1.8.2 in the note to 2.2.1.1.1 (b)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/10 (Germany)	Information on the wagon/vehicle in the transport document
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/11 (Germany)	Additional packaging option for the carriage of lithium batteries and sodium ion batteries for disposal or recycling
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/13 (Belgium)	Interpretation of capacity to determine the maximum degree of filling according to 4.1.1.4
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/15 (Germany)	Special provision 666 of RID/ADR/ADN
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/20 (Germany)	New special provision 6xx – Transport of electric energy systems containing lithium ion batteries, lithium metal batteries or sodium ion batteries
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/23 (France)	Mixed packaging of dangerous goods with foodstuffs, other articles of consumption or animal feeds
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/26 (IRU)	Special provisions for solutions and mixtures
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/27 (CLCCR)	Exemption in 1.1.3.7 of RID/ADR/ADN on batteries fitted to railway vehicles/vehicles for equipment to be used in relation to the transport operation

(b) New proposals

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/6 (ECMA)	Indication of the name and address of the manufacturer in the type approval certificate and the initial inspection and test certificate of a pressure receptacle
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/9 (Germany)	Special Provision 594 for UN 3164 (Articles, pressurized, pneumatic or hydraulic)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/12 (Germany)	Addition to RID/ADR 5.2.2.1.11.1 on the labelling of overpacks fixed to the vehicle and containing packages with radioactive material
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/18 (ITCO)	Regulatory mitigations to assist industry following the elimination of dual approval – Proposal to unify placarding and marking requirements for UN portable tanks
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/24 (France)	Information in the transport document for packaging, discarded, empty, uncleaned (UN No. 3509)

6. Reports of informal working groups

No document has been submitted under this agenda item.

7. Accidents and risk management

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/25 (France)	Draft terms of reference for the informal working group on the improvement of accident reporting
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8. United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

No document has been submitted under this agenda item.

9. Electronic data used during the transport of dangerous goods

No document has been submitted under this agenda item.

10. Future work

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ 2026/19 (Switzerland)	Transport of goods in transport category 4
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The Joint Meeting may also wish to arrange for the organisation of the agenda for the autumn 2026 session (Geneva, 14-18 September 2026).

11. Any other business**Right-sizing and right-servicing of sessions**

No document has been submitted under this agenda item.

12. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, the Joint Meeting will adopt the report of the session on the basis of a draft established by the secretariats.

Aleksandr Kuzmenko
Secretary General