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OBSERVERS**

**Final report of the 59th session of the RID Committee of Experts
(Berne, 28 May 2026)**

Information from the Secretariat

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ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Document: [RID-26007-CE59](#) (Secretariat)

1. The provisional agenda contained in calling notice RID-26007-CE59 dated 27 March 2026 was adopted.
2. The Secretariat noted that of the 44 Member States entitled to vote, 17 states (see Annex) were present. In addition, Slovakia had transferred its voting rights to the Czech Republic.
3. The Secretariat explained that it had been informed in a letter from the European Commission dated 12 May 2026 that, in accordance with the agreement between OTIF and the European Union concerning the EU's accession to COTIF, the European Union would exercise the voting rights on behalf of its Member States on agenda items that led to an amendment to Appendix C to COTIF.
4. The quorum in accordance with Article 20 § 1 of the Rules of Procedure (one third of the Member States) was therefore reached for all agenda items.

ITEM 2: ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

5. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group, Ms Caroline Bailleux (Belgium) and Mr Othmar Krammer (Austria), were also unanimously elected Chair and Vice-Chair of this session of the RID Committee of Experts.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO RID

Documents: [RID-26024-CE-SWG20-3](#) (Secretariat)

[RID-26027-CE59-3](#) (Secretariat)

Draft notification texts

6. The RID Committee of Experts had received the draft notification texts (document RID-26024-CE-SWG20-3), which contained all the amendments adopted at the sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth sessions of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (London, 20–23 November 2023, Berne, 22 May 2024, Madrid, 20 and 21 November 2024, and Luxembourg, 18–21 November 2025) for entry into force on 1 January 2027. This document also contained all the texts adopted by the last RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (Berne, 24–27 March 2026).
7. The RID Committee of Experts also had document RID-26027-CE59-3, which contained the corrections and additions to be made to document RID-26024-CE-SWG20-3 in accordance with the decisions of the 20th session of the standing working group (Berne, 27 and 28 May 2026). This document was identical to Annex I of the report of the 20th session of the standing working group (document RID-26028-CE-SWG20).

8. The RID Committee of Experts unanimously adopted all the amendments contained in the two documents referred to for a date of entry into force of 1 January 2027. If the 18th session of the Committee of Technical Experts (Berne, 9 June 2026) did not adopt the new Annex I to the UTP WAG, the RID Committee of Experts instructed the Secretariat to remove from the notification texts those amendments relating to the transfer of technical vehicle requirements from RID to the UTP WAG.
9. The Secretariat explained that it would send the Member States the final notification texts in accordance with Article 35 § 3 of COTIF during the course of July 2026.
10. The Secretariat also reminded delegates that after publication of the notification texts for RID, it would also provide an unofficial English-language synopsis of the amendments to RID and ADR on request, in order to make it easier for the Member States to translate the texts.
11. The Secretariat asked the RID Contracting States to send it a link to their national translation of RID 2027 once the translation work on RID had been completed, so that it could be published on OTIF's website.

Interpretation of the transitional measure for the marking of acetylene cylinders

Document: [RID-26019-CE-SWG20-4](#) (Secretariat)

12. The RID Committee of Experts approved the interpretation set out in document RID-26019-CE-SWG20-4, as reviewed by the 20th session of the standing working group, and requested the Secretariat to publish this interpretation on OTIF's website on 1 January 2027.

ITEM 4: AMENDMENTS TO THE RID COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS' RULES OF PROCEDURE

Document: [RID-26013-CE-SWG20-6](#) (Secretariat)

13. The RID Committee of Experts unanimously adopted the revised Rules of Procedure contained in document RID-26013-CE-SWG20-6, which the 20th session of the standing working group had already reviewed. These would apply from 1 June 2026 and replace the version in force since 1 June 2024. The Secretariat was asked to publish the new version of the Rules of Procedure on OTIF's website.

ITEM 5: INVOLVEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS

Document: [RID-26014-CE-SWG20-7](#) (Secretariat)

14. The RID Committee of Experts decided to apply the "Recommendation on involving stakeholders in OTIF's work" (OTIF-22002-JUR 2) in order to engage with stakeholders within the scope of its activities.
15. The RID Committee of Experts decided that the following international associations, which have actively participated in the development of dangerous goods regulations, shall be granted the status of registered stakeholder without application of the procedure for granting such status:

- Cefic – European Chemical Industry Council,
- CEN – European Committee for Standardization,
- CEPE – European Council of the Paint, Printing Ink, and Artist's Colours Industry,
- CIT – International Rail Transport Committee,
- COSTHA – Council on Safe Transportation of Hazardous Articles,
- ECFD – European Confederation of Fuel Distributors,
- ECMA – European Cylinder Manufacturers Association,
- ECTA – European Chemical Transport Association,
- EIGA – European Industrial Gases Association,
- EuRIC – Recycling Europe,
- FEA – European Aerosol Federation,
- FEAD – European Waste Management Association,
- FIATA – International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations,
- IASA – International Association of Dangerous Goods Safety Advisers,
- ICCR – International Confederation of Container Reconditioners,
- ICPP – International Confederation of Plastics Packagings Manufacturers,
- IDGCA – International Dangerous Goods and Container Association,
- IRU – International Road Transport Union,
- ITCO – International Tank Container Organisation,
- Liquid Gas Europe,
- RECHARGE – European Association for Advanced Rechargeable Batteries,
- SAAMI – Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute,
- UIC – International Union of Railways,
- UIP – International Union of Wagon Keepers,
- UIRR – International Union of Combined Road-Rail Transport Companies,
- UNIFE – Association of the European Rail Industry.

16. By derogation from points 4.3 and 4.4 of the Recommendation (OTIF-22002-JUR 2), the RID Committee of Experts decided that the status of “registered stakeholder” within the RID Committee of Experts is granted or revoked through a written procedure, during which the Secretariat checks whether the application meets the formal requirements set out in point 4.2 of the Recommendation and submits the application, together with the Secretariat’s assessment, to the members of the RID Committee of Experts. The members of the RID Committee of Experts shall be given at least one month from the Secretariat’s submission of an application for decision to express objections. If fewer than one-third of the members object, the application shall be deemed to have been accepted, and the Secretariat shall add the applicant to the list of registered stakeholders and international organisations and notify the members accordingly. If one third or more of the members raise an objection, the RID Committee of Experts shall consider the application in question at its next session.
17. The RID Committee of Experts decided that, for the purpose of involving stakeholders in its activities, the term “expert” shall include experts acting in their independent professional capacity and experts representing legal persons active in the international rail sector, such as carriers and infrastructure managers, and in the dangerous goods sector; however, such experts may be granted the status of registered stakeholder only where the specific field of expertise concerned is not already represented by an association having the status of registered stakeholder.

ITEM 6: REVISION OF THE RID HANDBOOK

Document: [RID-26008-CE59-6](#) (Secretariat)

18. The RID Committee of Experts agreed to publish the revised version of the RID Handbook, as set out in Annex I to document RID-26008-CE59-6, which the 19th session of the RID Committee of Experts’ standing working group had already reviewed, on OTIF’s website under https://otif.org/en/?page_id=1105 > Handbook RID.
19. The RID Committee of Experts requested the Secretariat to publish the cross-reference table set out in Annex II to this document, comparing RID 2025 with RID 2027 and the UTP/TSI WAG, on OTIF’s website under https://otif.org/en/?page_id=1105 > Guidelines.

ITEM 7: PROMOTING THE APPLICATION OF RID IN DOMESTIC TRANSPORT

Document: [RID-26009-CE59-7](#) (Secretariat)

20. The RID Committee of Experts noted document RID-26009-CE59-7 and confirmed the importance of promoting the application of RID in domestic transport.
21. The RID Committee of Experts endorsed the recommendation of the 19th session of the standing working group and requested the Secretariat to send document [RID-25022-CE-SWG19](#) to those Contracting States which are not required to apply RID to domestic transport under Directive 2008/68/EU.
22. The RID Committee of Experts instructed the Secretariat to conduct a survey of OTIF Member States on the current implementation status of COTIF and the application of RID in domestic transport, and to submit a summary report to it.

ITEM 8: RID COPYRIGHT PROTECTION

Document: [RID-26023-CE-SWG20-8](#) (Secretariat)

23. The RID Committee of Experts decided, on the basis of Article 3 of the Decision on copyright and open access (OTIF-24009-AG 16), to assert OTIF's copyright over, and restrict use of, the Annex to RID by adding a copyright notice to the Annex to RID as follows:

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ITEM 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Thanks

24. The Chair thanked the Secretariat for the high standard of its work at this session and at all the sessions held during the past biennium. She also thanked the Secretariat for its efforts to mitigate the impact of the United Nations budget cuts on the dangerous goods sector. She thanked the interpreters for the good quality of the interpretation, which had facilitated understanding of the debate considerably. She also thanked the delegates for their constant active and constructive cooperation.
25. On behalf of all the delegates, the Vice-Chair thanked the Chair for her skilful conduct of the negotiations and her patience. He expressed his hope that she would continue to serve as Chair in the future.

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