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**TO THE MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATED MEMBERS OF OTIF AND
TO REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE ACCEDED TO COTIF**

19th Session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group

Luxembourg, 18 - 21 November 2025



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At the 18th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (Madrid, 20 and 21 November 2024), it was agreed to hold the 19th session from 17 to 21 November 2025 in Luxembourg (see report [OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2024-B](#), paragraph 60).

In view of the fact that only a few documents have so far been announced, it has been agreed with the Chair, Ms Caroline Bailleux, and the Vice-Chair, Mr Othmar Krammer, to shorten the 19th session of the standing working group to four days. In addition, the work of the working group on tank and vehicle technology should be integrated directly into the meeting of the standing working group.

TIME OF THE MEETING

The 19th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group will be held from **Tuesday, 18 November 2025 to Friday, 21 November 2025**. The meeting will start at 09:30 CET on 18 November 2025 and will end at 12.30 CET on 21 November 2025.

The 19th session of the standing working group will be held as a meeting with personal attendance only.

VENUE

The meeting will be held at:

Ministry of Mobility and Public Works
Room "Vianden" (22nd floor)
4, place de l'Europe
L-1499 Luxembourg

RULES OF PROCEDURE

In accordance with Article 22 § 3 of the [RID Committee of Experts' Rules of Procedure](#), the Rules of Procedure will be applied analogously at meetings of the working groups.

In connection with Article 5 § 2 of these Rules of Procedure, the RID Committee of Experts decided to invite the same organisations and associations to the meetings of the RID Committee of Experts and its standing working group as are invited to the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting.

In accordance with Article 11 § 3 of the Rules of Procedure, official proposals must be submitted by no later than **6 October 2025**.

LANGUAGES

The working languages will be German, English and French. There will be consecutive interpretation into German and French and simultaneous interpretation into English.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Based on the information and proposals available so far, the Secretariat of OTIF proposes the following provisional agenda:

ITEM 1: Approval of the agenda

ITEM 2: Presence

ITEM 3: Working group on tank and vehicle technology

ITEM 4: Work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting and Working Party WP.15 in 2024 and 2025

ITEM 5: Interpretation of RID

ITEM 6: Proposals to amend RID

- (a) Pending issues
- (b) New proposals

ITEM 7: Harmonisation of RID and SMGS Annex 2

ITEM 8: Information from the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA)

ITEM 9: Any other business

COMMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION

The [working documents](#) and [informal documents](#) for this session of the standing working group can be downloaded from OTIF's website.

The following topics should be discussed under the various items of the agenda. Further topics may be added on the basis of documents still to be received:

ITEM 2: Even though Article 20 (Quorum) of the Rules of Procedure does not apply to the meeting of this working group, it is requested that as many RID Contracting States as possible take part in order to obtain results that are likely to achieve majority support so that they can be adopted at the 59th session of the RID Committee of Experts in May 2026.

At the 6th session, Ms Caroline Bailleux (Belgium) was elected to chair this standing working group until further notice. At the 10th session, Mr Othmar Krammer (Austria) was elected as Deputy Chair until further notice.

ITEM 3: The items that have been preliminarily reviewed by the working group on tank and vehicle technology will be dealt with directly under this agenda item.

So far, the following document has been submitted for this agenda item:

RID-25014-CE-SWG19 (UIP and Secretariat)	Extra-large tank-containers – load assumptions according to RID 6.8.2.1.2
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The following information and documents have been announced:

- Proposal from CEFIC on the carriage of extra-large tank-containers in single wagon traffic and on the use of humps in marshalling yards (see report [OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2024-B](#), paragraph 7);
- Final report of the research project initiated by Germany on the simulation-based investigation of surge behaviour in tanks (see report [OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2024-B](#), paragraphs 8 and 9);
- Proposal from UIP on requirements for the explosion protection of wagons fitted with DAC (see report [OTIF/RID/CE/GTT/2024-A](#), paragraphs 11 to 14).

ITEM 4: So far, the following document has been submitted for this agenda item:

RID-25013-CE-SWG19 (Secretariat)	117 th Session of WP.15 (Geneva, 6 - 8 May 2025)
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After the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (Geneva, 17 - 25 September 2025), the Secretariat will produce a consolidated document with all the texts adopted by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting in 2024 and 2025.

The Secretariat will also prepare a document containing the decisions of the 118th session of WP.15 (Geneva, 4 - 6 November 2025) which might have an impact on RID.

ITEM 5: So far, no documents are available for this agenda item.

ITEM 6 (a): So far, the following documents have been submitted for this agenda item:

RID-25015-CE-SWG19 (Belgium)	WE marking
RID-25016-CE-SWG19 (Belgium)	Updating the RID Handbook
RID-25018-CE-SWG19 (UIP)	Necessary adaptation of the amendments adopted at the 16 th session of the RID Committee of Experts' standing working group (London, 20 - 23 November 2023) in connection with the transfer of technical wagon provisions from RID to the UTPs/TSIs

The following information and documents have been announced:

- Proposal from the Secretariat on use of the term “vehicle” in RID (see report [OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2024-B](#), paragraph 35);
- possible official document from the Netherlands on safety measures for the carriage of ammonia (see report [OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2024-B](#), paragraphs 36 to 38);
- official document from ERA on specifications for spark-guards (see report [OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2024-B](#), paragraphs 39 to 42);
- possible official document from France on use of self-adhesive placards, orange-coloured plates and marks (see report [OTIF/RID/CE/GTP/2024-B](#), paragraphs 46 to 49).

ITEM 6 (b): So far, no documents are available for this agenda item.

ITEM 7: So far, no documents are available for this agenda item.

ITEM 8: ERA will submit information on this standing agenda item in an informal document. The Member States are asked to make any requests concerning the content of the information from ERA via the Secretariat.

ITEM 9: The following information and documents have been announced:

- Promoting the application of RID in national transport;
- Possible amendment of the Rules of Procedure of the RID Committee of Experts so that not all decisions of the standing working group have to be submitted to the RID Committee of Experts.

REGISTRATION

Delegates are kindly requested to register their attendance **by no later than 3 November 2025** using the [online form](#).

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