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**Extracts from the draft report of the 115th session of WP.15 (Geneva, 2 to 5 April 2024)
(documents ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2023/R.3 and Add. and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2023/R.4
and Add.)**

I. Attendance

1. The Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods held its 115th session from 2–5 April 2024, with Ms. A. Roumier (France) as Chair and Mr. A. Simoni (Italy) as Vice-Chair.
2. Representatives from the following countries took part in the session: Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye and United Kingdom.
3. Representatives from Zimbabwe also took part in the session, as provided for in paragraph 11 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe.
4. The following intergovernmental organization was represented: Intergovernmental Organization for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF).
5. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: European Confederation of Fuel Distributors (ECFD), Fuels Europe, International Association of Dangerous Goods Safety Advisers (IASA), International Organization of Automobile Manufacturers (OICA), International Road Transport Union (IRU) and World Bike Industry Association (WBIA).

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IV. Status of the Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and related issues (agenda item 3)

A. Status of the Agreement

12. There were no changes to the status of ADR (54 contracting parties) nor to that of the Protocol of amendment of 1993 (40 contracting parties) since the last session.

B. Protocol of amendment of 1993

13. The Working Party deplored the fact that there were still 14 countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Montenegro, Morocco, Nigeria, North Macedonia, San Marino, Tajikistan and Uganda) that had not deposited the appropriate legal instrument, thereby preventing the Protocol from entering into force. The Working Party encouraged these countries to take the necessary steps to ratify or accede to the Protocol.

C. Arabische Übersetzung des ADR

14. The Working Party welcomed the publication of ADR 2023 in Arabic by the services of the United Nations and thanked the EuroMed Transport Support Project (TSP) for taking on the translation of this first version.
15. A member of the secretariat announced that the translation and publication of the 2025 edition in Arabic had been approved by the relevant United Nations departments. The Working Party welcomed this news as a promising step towards a permanent solution for the translation of amendments every two years and the publication of the corresponding consolidated amended versions.

V. Work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting (agenda item 4)

A. Pending issues

Document: [ECE/TRANS/WP.15/264](#), annex III (Secretariat)

Informal document: [INF.13](#) (Secretariat)

16. The draft amendments to Chapters 6.2 and 6.8 contained in annex III of the report contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/264 were designed to reference standards EN 14129:[2023] and EN ISO 21011:[2023] in RID/ADR. CEN indicated that the new version of EN 14129 would not be published in time to be referenced in RID/ADR 2025 and that FprEN ISO 21011 had been withdrawn from the programme of work for the time being. Consequently, the amendments to Chapters 6.2 and 6.8 of annex III to document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/264 had been withdrawn.

B. Amendments proposed by the Joint Meeting at its spring 2024 session for entry into force on 1 January 2025

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/172 (Report of the Joint Meeting on its spring 2024 session) (Secretariat) (*to come*)

Informal document: [INF.12](#) (Secretariat)

17. The Working Party considered the proposed amendments to ADR in informal document INF.12.

18. The Working Party noted that the amendment to EN ISO 17871:2020 could not be published before 1 June 2024. The draft amendments to reference this amendment were adopted for entry into force on 1 January 2027 (see annex ...).
19. The Working Party adopted the other proposed amendments with some corrections for entry into force on 1 January 2025 (see annex ...). The Working Party noted that the amendments would also be brought to the attention of the RID Committee of Experts.
20. The Working Party noted that the revised versions of ISO 10297 and 13322-1 and amendment A1 to EN 12972:2018 had not been published at the time of the session but were due to be published by 31 May 2024. The Working Party adopted the draft amendments to reference the standards in ADR 2025, provided that they were published before that date. If not, the amendments would not be included in the proposed amendments to be notified to the Contracting Parties on 1 July 2024 for entry into force on 1 January 2025 and would be added to the list for the attention of the Working Group on Standards of the Joint Meeting.
21. The Working Party noted that the report of the Joint Meeting would also contain amendments applicable to the German version of ADR and invited German-speaking delegations to include these amendments in their translations of ADR 2025.

C. Corrections to amendments already adopted

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/172 (Report of the Joint Meeting on its spring 2024 session) (Secretariat) (*to come*)

Informal document: [INF.12](#) (Secretariat)

22. The Working Party endorsed the corrections proposed in informal document INF.12 (see annex ...).

D. Amendments proposed by the Joint Meeting at its spring 2024 session for entry into force on 1 January 2027

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/172 (Report of the Joint Meeting on its spring 2024 session) (Secretariat) (*to come*)

Informal document: [INF.15](#) (Secretariat)

23. The Working Party endorsed the proposed amendments adopted by the Joint Meeting, as set out in informal document INF.15 (see annex ...).
24. The Working Party noted that the amendment to packing instruction P200 in 4.1.4.1, to permit the interval between the periodic inspection of liquefied petroleum gas cylinders manufactured according to EN 14140 to be extended from 10 to 15 years, could be the subject of a multilateral agreement to enable contracting parties wishing to do so to implement these provisions in advance.
25. With regard to the amendment to 6.8.2.4.3, the Working Party noted that the adopted provision was not a new provision but a clarification for competent authorities and their inspection services on the inspection of tanks for which the specified date for intermediate inspection had passed. The Working Party asked the secretariat to add this clarification to the page dedicated to interpretations of ADR on the website of the Economic Commission for Europe.

E. Definition of a closed vehicle

26. At its 114th session, on the basis of informal document INF.8, the Working Party considered a proposal from the Netherlands to amend the definition of "closed vehicle" in ADR. During the discussion, WP.15 had confirmed that the definition could be improved but that the subject should be discussed in the Joint Meeting to also take into account closed wagons.
27. The Working Party noted that the representative of the Netherlands had presented this question to the Joint Meeting (document [ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/14](#)) and that discussions should continue at the autumn 2024 session on the basis of a detailed proposal.
28. The Working Party agreed that this new proposal should examine the consequences for current arrangements where a closed vehicle was required and provide for transitional measures, in particular to take account of the use of curtain siders.

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VI. Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B of ADR (agenda item 5)

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B. Miscellaneous proposals

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1. Layout of packing instruction P 200

Informal document: [INF.8](#) (Secretariat)

34. The Working Party noted that further changes to the layout of packing instruction P 200 were necessary to take account of the decisions of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods concerning the layout of packing instructions.
35. The Working Party adopted the proposals set out in informal document INF.8 for entry into force on 1 January 2025 (see annex ...).

VII. Interpretation of ADR (agenda item 6)

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A. Application of 1.1.3.1 (a)

Document: [ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2024/3](#) (Finland)

36. Several delegations that spoke were of the opinion that 1.1.3.1 (a) should also apply to dangerous goods carried by passengers (private individuals) in cars and buses, such as goods in passengers' bags, shopping bags or luggage. However, some delegations considered that the exemptions in 1.1.3.1 (a) could be interpreted differently. The Working Party agreed that it would be necessary to clarify the scope of 1.1.3.1 (a) in this sense.
37. Several delegations also wanted to see quantity limits set for such carriage.
38. The representative of OTIF pointed out that RID 1.1.3.8 defined the exemptions applicable to the carriage of dangerous goods as hand luggage, registered luggage or in or on board vehicles, and the quantity limits for the application of these exemptions.

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X. Any other business (agenda item 9)

B. Terms of reference, rules of procedure and working methods

Document: [ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2024/9](#) (Secretariat)

62. Following the adoption of its terms of reference by the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe (see para. 8), the Working Party confirmed that ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2024/9 would replace ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1 as the reference document for the organization of its next sessions.

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C. Request for consultative status

Document: [ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2024/10](#) (Secretariat)

71. The Working Group approved the WBIA request for consultative status.

D. Amendments for the 2025 edition of ADR

72. The amendments adopted at previous sessions for entry into force on 1 January 2025 were published under the symbol ECE/TRANS/WP.15/265. The Working Party requested the secretariat to publish the amendments adopted at the 115th session that were also scheduled to enter into force on 1 January 2025, in the form of a corrigendum (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/265/Corr.1) for those that modified previously adopted amendments and an addendum (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/265/Add.1) for new amendments.
73. The Chair was invited to transmit all the amendments to the Secretary-General through her Government so that they could be notified to the contracting parties to ADR on 1 July 2024 at the latest for acceptance in accordance with the procedure set out in article 14 of ADR.

E. Tribute

74. The Working Party had learned of the retirement of Ms. Barrio-Champeau, assistant in the Transport of Dangerous Goods Section. Since 2011, Ms. Barrio-Champeau had been responsible for the administrative side of organizing Working Party sessions and relations with delegates. The Working Party wished her all the best in her new life.

XI. Adoption of the report (agenda item 10)

75. The Working Party adopted the report on its 115th session and its annexes on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

I. Draft amendments to annexes A and B of ADR for entry into force on 1 January 2025

The 115th session of WP.15 (Geneva, 2 to 5 April 2024) adopted amendments that have repercussions for RID and which are therefore reproduced below. Amendments that only concern ADR are not shown.

Chapter 4.1**4.1.4.1**

P 200 Throughout the packing instruction, including tables 1 to 3, place the footnotes directly below the packing instruction, on those pages on which they appear and renumber them sequentially, as (a) to (i).

In paragraph (5) (b), under the first and second formulas, replace "where" by:

"where:".

In paragraph (5) (c), under the formula, replace "where" by:

"where:".

In paragraph (10), in special packing provision "z", under the first formula, replace "in which" by:

"where:".

In paragraph (10), in special packing provision "z", under the second formula, replace "where" by:

"where:".

In paragraph (10), in special packing provision "ab", renumber (i) to (iii) as (a) to (c).

In paragraph (10), in special packing provision "ad", renumber (i) and (ii) as (a) and (b). In the new paragraph (b), renumber the list with dashes as (i) and (ii).

In paragraph (13) 2.2, renumber the list with bullets as (a) to (e).

In paragraph (13) 2.3, renumber the list with bullets as (a) to (e). In the new paragraph (e), renumber the list with dashes as (i) and (ii).

[Reference document: informal document INF.8]

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Informal document INF.12 adopted with the following modifications:

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

6.2.4.1 Delete the amendments related to EN ISO 17871.

6.11 Renumber "6.11.1.4" as "6.11.4.1".

Note from the OTIF Secretariat: Informal document INF.12 contains the amendments adopted by the Joint Meeting (Berne, 25-28 March 2024). These amendments are incorporated directly into the draft notification texts (document [OTIF/RID/NOT/2025] together with the modifications listed above.

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II. Draft amendments to annexes A and B of ADR for entry into force on 1 January 2027

6.2.4.1 Amend the table, under "**for design and construction of closures**" as follows:

- For "EN ISO 17871:2020", in column (4), replace "Until further notice" by:
"Between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2028".

[Reference document: informal document INF.12, part A]

- After the row for "EN ISO 17871:2020", insert the following row:

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
EN ISO 17871:2020 + A1:[2024]	Gas cylinders – Quick-release cylinder valves – Specification and type testing	6.2.3.1, 6.2.3.3 and 6.2.3.4	Until further notice	

[Reference document: informal document INF.12, part A]