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

RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting
(Berne, 23 – 27 March 2015)

* See UNECE documents ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/137 of 24 December 2014 and .../137/Add.1 of 12 January 2015.

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We have the honour to invite you to the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the UNECE Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, which will be held from **23 – 27 March 2015 at the headquarters of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), Weltpoststraße 4 in Berne (beginning on Monday, 23 March 2015 at 10.00 a.m.)**.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Tanks
3. Standards
4. Interpretation of RID/ADR/ADN
5. Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN
 - (a) Pending issues
 - (b) New proposals
6. Reports of informal working groups
7. Accidents and risk management
8. Future work
9. Any other business
10. Adoption of the report

EXPLANATORY REMARKS

1. Adoption of the agenda

The first item on the agenda concerns its adoption. The Joint Meeting will also have before it the report on its autumn 2014 session, held in Geneva from 15 to 19 September 2014 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/136 and Corr.1 and Add.1 – OTIF/RID/RC/2014-B and Add.1).

The following points should be borne in mind:

- (a) At its autumn 2014 session, the Joint Meeting elected Mr. C. Pfauvadel (France) as Chairman and Mr. H. Rein (Germany) as Vice-Chairman for 2015;
- (b) Documents published in German by the Secretariat of OTIF (other than invitations and reports) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/ are circulated by the UNECE in English, French and Russian under the symbol ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/, followed by the same document number. As part of the secretariat's efforts to reduce expenditure, documents sent out by e-mail 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 (<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/ac1/ac12015.html>) in English, French and Russian and on the OTIF website in German (<http://www.otif.org/gefaehrliche-queter/gemeinsame-tagung-ridadradn/arbeitsdokumente.html>);
- (d) An ad hoc working group might 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) It is also possible that an ad hoc working group might meet concurrently with it to consider documents concerning tanks (item 2), after this item has been discussed in plenary;
- (f) The reading of the report (item 10) is scheduled for Friday morning (27 March 2015) without interpretation;
- g) All participants are requested to register before 13 March 2015 in accordance with the instructions given in informal document INF.3.**

2. Tanks

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2014/13 (Ukraine)	Proposals of amendments to special provisions TU 21 and TU 16 to align with the requirements of SMGS, Appendix 2
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/134, para. 9	
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ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/136, para. 9	
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/136/Add.1, paras 3 to 6	
INF.48 submitted to the spring 2014 session (Russian Federation)	
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/3 (OTIF Secretariat)	4.3.2.2 – Degree of filling
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/8 (France)	Wall thickness of tanks with a capacity less than 5000 litres made of austenitic-ferritic stainless steel
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/10 (Netherlands)	Shells made of aluminium alloy with protective linings
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/16 (France)	Periodic inspection of tanks with internal lining
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/19 (UIC)	Carriage of tanks, battery-vehicles/battery-wagons, and MEGCs following expiry of deadlines for periodic and intermediate inspections
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/20 (UIC)	Indication of date of next inspection on both sides of tank containers, portable tanks and MEGC
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/22 (United Kingdom)	Tanks : United Kingdom experience with improperly manufactured and wrongly certified road tank vehicles

3. Standards

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/14 (CEN)	Information on work in progress in CEN
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/15 (United Kingdom)	Tanks and Standards: EN 12972:2014 Tanks for transport of dangerous goods – Testing, inspection and marking of metallic tanks
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/17 (CEN)	Understanding of reference texts for mandatory and non-mandatory standards

4. Interpretation of RID/ADR/ADN

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/2 (Germany)	Interpretation of RID/ADR 7.5.2.1 (mixed loading prohibitions)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/7 (Spain)	Loader and unloader

5. Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN**a) Pending issues**

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/5 (Secretariat)	Carriage of live animals
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/9 (Switzerland)	Approval of packagings for infectious substances
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/11 (CEFIC)	Updating of references to European Union instruments (toxic substances; corrosive substances; substances hazardous to the aquatic environment)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2014/39 (Secretariat)	
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/136, paras 29 to 32	
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/12 (AEGPL)	Marking on packages, display of reduced size labels on LPG cylinders
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/18 (Romania)	Amendments to the provisions of the section 1.8.3 Safety Adviser in RID/ADR/ADN
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/21 (Germany)	Possibility of electronic processes in the examination of safety advisers, ADR vehicle drivers and ADN experts

b) New proposals

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/4 (EIGA)	Carriage of pressure receptacles approved by the Department of Transportation of the United States of America
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/6 (Sweden)	Obligations of the loader

6. Reports of informal working groups

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/13 (Germany)	Summary record of the "Würzburg" informal Working Group on "Cross-border tank approval in the practice of the European Union Member States – possibility of extending the scope of TPED"
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7. Accidents and risk management

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2014/44 (Belgium and Netherlands)	Report on occurrences during the carriage of dangerous goods in accordance with RID/ADR section 1.8.5
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2014/52 (Secretariat/France)	Accident database: study of the structure
INF.16 (ERA) and INF.44 (AEGPL) submitted to the autumn 2014 session	Road map on risk management in the context of inland transport of dangerous goods
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/136, para. 61	

8. Future work

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2015/1 (Romania)	Debate on the necessity of a harmonised approach of the Section 5.4.3 Instructions in writing in RID/ADR/ADN
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9. Any other business

INF.10 submitted to the autumn 2014 session (Secretariat)	Request for consultative status submitted by NGVA
INF.40 submitted to the autumn 2014 session (Secretariat)	Intervention of lobbying entities

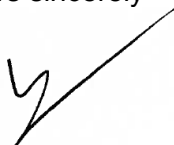
10. Adoption of the report

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

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Yours sincerely



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