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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Geneva, 9-13 September 2002)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SESSION*

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 9 September 2002

IMPORTANT

In view of the new security measures concerning access to the Palais des Nations, delegations are requested to inform the secretariat (ECE Transport Division) of their exact composition. Access to the Palais des Nations will be restricted to the bearers of an identity card which will be issued by the Security and Safety Section, Villa Les Feuillantines, 13 Avenue de la Paix (please see the plan on the last page).

Each participant registered on the list of members of the delegation is requested to complete in advance the enrolment form at the end of the document and forward it by fax (41 22 917 00 39) or by e-mail (mireille.chavet@unece.org) at latest one week before the session opens, unless he or she is already in possession of an identity card issued by the Security and Safety Section for one year and valid throughout the session.

*See letter A 82-02/502.2002 from the Central Office for International Carriage by Rail (OCTI).

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The provisional timetable for the plenary session is as follows:

Monday morning:	Items 1, 5 and 6
Monday afternoon:	Item 2
Tuesday:	Items 2, 3 and 4
Wednesday:	Items 4, 7, 8 and 6
Thursday:	Items 5, 9 and 10
Friday:	Item 11 (without interpretation)

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption. The Joint Meeting will also have before it the report on the March 2002 session (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/88-OCTI/RID/GT-III/2002-A).

The following points should be borne in mind:

(a) At its last session in 2001, the Joint Meeting re-elected Mr. A Johansen (Norway) as Chairman and Mr. H. Rein (Germany) as Vice-Chairman for 2002;

(b) UN/ECE documents (other than agendas or reports) with the symbol TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ are circulated by OCTI in German under the symbol OCTI/RID/GT-III/ followed by the same document number. As part of the secretariat's efforts to reduce expenditure, documents distributed prior to the session by mail will not be available in the conference room for distribution to session participants. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to the meeting;

(c) The documentation will be available on the UN/ECE web site (<u>www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm</u>) in English, French and Russian;

(d) An ad hoc working group is scheduled to meet concurrently from 9 to 11 September to consider documents concerning tanks (item 5), in accordance with the mandate to be decided by the Joint Meeting (see TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/88-OCTI/RID/GT-III/2002-A, para.94);

(e) An ad hoc working group is scheduled to work outside the times of the plenary session to consider documents concerning standards (item 6), in accordance with the mandate to be decided by the Joint Meeting (see TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/88-OCTI/RID/GT-III/2002-A, paras. 94 and 95).

2. PROPOSALS PENDING

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/2/Rev.1 (Germany)	Solids of Class 9 in bulk (former INF.42/Rev.1)
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/27 (Switzerland)	Comments on -/2002/2/Rev.1 (former INF.41)
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/8 (Switzerland)	Transport of UN Nos. 3132 and 3133
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/9 (CEFIC)	Marking and labelling of overpacks
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/34 (CEFIC)	Marking and labelling of overpacks
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/18 (EIGA)	Exemptions, Section 1.1.3
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/19 (CEFIC)	Special provision 274 (former INF.30)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/20 (Norway) TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/21 (Belgium)

3. CORRECTIONS TO RID/ADR/ADN

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/32 (Netherlands)

4. NEW PROPOSALS

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/28 (Belgium)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/29 (Germany)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/31 (CEFIC)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/36 (United Kingdom)

5. TANKS TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/10 (CEFIC)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/22 (Switzerland)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/23 (Germany)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/25 (Germany)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/26 (Germany)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/30 (Germany)

Chapter 3.4 (former INF.9)

1.8.3.16, Safety adviser (former INF.20)

2.2.61.3 and 3.3.1, Exemption of articles impregnated with pesticides

Section 1.2.1, Definitions

Carriage of mixtures with UN Nos. 2315, 3151 and 3152

Definition of packing group for substances of Class 3

Carriage of unpackaged material and articles of Class 7

Special provision TP13, column (11)

Tank code of tanks with a vacuum valve but without a safety valve (former INF.7)

4.3.4.1.1, "N" and "H"

Report of the working group on tanks (former INF.39)

Hydrogen battery-vehicle accident (former INF.37)

Inspection of fissures on high-pressure tanks caused by ammonia (former INF.27)

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	TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/33 (EIGA)	Markings, 6.8.3.5
	TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/37 (France)	Marking and tests, 6.8.2.5.1 or 6.8.2.5.2
	TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/38 (France)	6.8.4, Addition of a TE special provision for UN No. 1170
6.	STANDARDS	
	TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/7 (Switzerland)	Inclusion of standards
	TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/14 (CEN)	Reference to CEN standards

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/24 (AEGPL)

Reference to CEN standards (former INF.36)

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Informal documents INF.3, 16 and 17 submitted by CEN at the last session also remain on the agenda.

7. HARMONIZATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/35 (United Kingdom)

Requirements for aerosols under limited quantities provisions

8. MISCELLANEOUS

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2002/47 (France)

Limited quantities

(or informal document UN/SCETDG/21/INF.28 for the English version)

9. FUTURE WORK

The secretariat will present proposals concerning this item during the session.

Bearing in mind the experience of 2001 and the request by the Joint Meeting to have three weeks of meetings in the year following the session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (see TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/86, para.83), the secretariat has scheduled the following for 2003:

February to April 2003:	Preparation by the secretariat of proposals for
	harmonization with the United Nations Model Regulations
	(as in 2001, but in the form of informal documents in
	English and French only)

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24-28 March 2003:	Session in Bern, where there will possibly be no discussion of the new recommendations of the United Nations
26-28 May 2003:	Ad hoc group with limited membership (without interpretation, in Geneva) to monitor the secretariat's proposals, supplement them with RID/ADR/ADN conditions of carriage for which the Model Regulations do not make provision and prepare definitive proposals
1-10 September 2003:	Session in Geneva giving priority to the consideration of the definitive proposals for harmonization and conclusion of other questions pending.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2003

The Joint Meeting will wish to elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman for 2003.

11. 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 prepared by the secretariat.

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