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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
(Bern, 7-11 March 2005)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SESSION*

**to be held at the headquarters of the Universal Postal Union (UPU),
4, Weltpoststrasse, Bern,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday 7 March 2005**

* See letter A 81-02/501.2005 from the Central Office for International Carriage by Rail (OCTI).

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The first item on the agenda concerns its adoption. The Joint Meeting will also have before it the report of its autumn 2004 session, held in Geneva from 13 to 17 September 2004 (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/96-OCTI/RID/GT-III/2004-A and addendum 1).

The following points should be borne in mind:

(a) 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 will not be available in the conference room. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to the meeting;

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

(c) The Joint Meeting would, if necessary, like an ad hoc working group to meet concurrently with it to consider documents concerning tanks (item 3), after the item has been discussed in plenary;

(d) The Joint Meeting would, if necessary, like an ad hoc working group to meet outside the times of the plenary session to consider documents concerning standards (item 4), in accordance with the mandate to be decided by the Joint Meeting.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with established practice, the Joint Meeting will elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman for 2005.

3. TANKS

Reference documents

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/96/Add.1	Report of the working group on tanks at the last session
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/96, paras. 49-66	Report of the Joint Meeting at its last session

Documents to be discussed

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2004/2 (Germany)	Control device for internal stop-valves and filling and discharge devices
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/2 (Belgium)	Transitional measure for the marking of tank-containers
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/5 (United Kingdom)	Definition of capacity of shell or shell compartment
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/8 (UIC)	Tank codes for certain substances of Class 3
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/16 (UIC)	Hierarchy of tanks
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/18 (UIC)	MAWP, design pressure and test pressure
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/19 (United Kingdom)	Chapter 3.2/8.4 - Carriage of liquefied gases in tanks with recessed valve chest
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/21 (United Kingdom)	Emergency pressure relief valves on flammable liquid tankers
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/22 (United Kingdom)	External protective bands on tanks [As a matter of information, this document concerns ADR only]
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/25 (United Kingdom)	Minimum wall thickness
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/30 (Belgium)	Maximum allowable working pressure (6.7.2.1)

4. STANDARDS

No document has been submitted under this agenda item.

5. INTERPRETATION OF RID/ADR/ADN

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/1 (Belgium) Transitional measure of 1.6.1.2

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/7 (UIC) Transitional measure of 1.6.1.2

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/14 (Austria) Obligations of the packer

6. HARMONIZATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS MODEL REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Aquatic pollutants

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/56 and -/Add.2 (section 2.3.5) Report of the ad hoc working group on the harmonization of RID/ADR/ADN with the United Nations Recommendations

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/94, paras.21-28 Report of the Joint Meeting on its autumn 2003 session

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/52, paras. 86-103 Report of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on its December 2004 session

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/28 (Secretariat) Proposal for harmonization

7. NEW PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/3 (AISE) Limited quantities (LQ 19)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/4 (EIGA) Paragraph 6.2.1.7.6

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/6 (Austria) Carriage effected by the emergency services

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/9 (Netherlands) Compatibility testing of plastics packaging

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/10 (Italy) Certification (transport document)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/11 (Austria) 5.4.1.1.6.3

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2004/18 (Austria)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/13 (Italy) Addition of information to the transport document (special packing provision PP1)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/15 (Poland) Scope of special agreements

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/17 (UIC) (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/96, paras.32-34)	Additional lines in the table
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/20 (United Kingdom)	Marking of refillable pressure receptacles
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/23 (AEGPL)	The 15-year interval between two periodic inspections
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/24 (EBRA)	Transport of used portable batteries
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/27(Germany)	Orange-coloured plate marking (5.3.2)
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/29 (Belgium)	Special provision 640
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/31 (Belgium)	Orange-coloured plate marking
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/32 (Spain)	Safety obligation of the unloader
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/33 (AEGPL)	6.2.1.7.2

8. MISCELLANEOUS

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/12 and -/Add.1 (France)	Forum on dangerous goods safety advisers
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2005/26 (Austria)	Transport of wastes (special agreement)
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2004/14 (Netherlands) and informal document INF.3 submitted at the September 2004 session	Relation between classification of dangerous goods and conditions of carriage

9. FUTURE WORK

A session of the ad hoc working group on the harmonization of RID/ADR/ADN with the United Nations Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods is to be held in Geneva (without interpretation) from 23 to 25 May 2005. The Joint Meeting may possibly wish to arrange for the organization of the agenda for the autumn 2005 session (Geneva, 13 to 23 September 2005).

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.

NOTE: The reading of the report, scheduled for 11 March, will take place without interpretation.
