

Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15)



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Core areas of work

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- Enhancing the safety and security of the road transport of dangerous goods and protection of the environment during such transport;
- Facilitating the international transport of dangerous goods;
- Developing and updating the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR);
- Facilitating the accession of new countries to the Agreement;
- Ensuring harmonization of ADR with other relevant legal instruments on transport of dangerous goods;
- Collaborating closely with the other subsidiary bodies of ITC;
- Providing a platform that facilitates fulfilment by the Contracting Parties of the obligations set forth in the ADR and facilitating exchange of views on interpretation and resolution of problems connected with the enforcement of ADR;
- Contributing through its activities to the implementation of SDGs targets (3, 6, 9, 12 and 14).

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Past year's achievements: Results

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- Adoption of a set of amendments to ADR that entered into force on 1 January 2019
 - e.g new provisions on vehicles powered by cleaner fuels (such as liquefied or compressed natural gas);
- New ADR Edition (2019);
- Accession of Nigeria to ADR;
- Accession of Tunisia to the Protocol amending Article 1 (a), Article 14 (1) and Article 14 (3) of the ADR.

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Past year's achievements: Impact

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- International transport among the 51 Contracting Parties, including 3 non-ECE Member States (Morocco, Nigeria, Tunisia);
- Domestic transport within EU Member States and the European Economic Area;
- Transport in non-Contracting Parties applying ADR provisions for national legislation on Dangerous Goods (e.g Thailand);

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Contribution to ITC Strategy until 2030

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- Enhancing the role of ITC as the UN Platform for inland transport conventions, by strengthening promotion of accession by non-ECE member States to the United Nations legal instruments on inland transport administered by ECE
 - COP to amend the title of the Agreement to facilitate accession from non-ECE countries.
- Special priority of global interest: Further promotion of ADR as one of the main UNECE legal instruments contributing to the improvement of road safety, as a follow up to Resolution A/RES/72/271 of the General Assembly on improving global road safety;
 - Continue to support Contracting Parties in developing, improving and sustaining their national road safety systems;
 - Continue to promote accession and effective implementation of the ADR;
 - Sharing of experience/information among Contracting Parties.
- Continue to develop provisions to ensure high level of safety during road transport of dangerous goods;
- Ensure that the ADR provisions are keeping pace with cutting-edge technologies driving transport innovations (e.g considering use of electric and hybrid electric vehicles for the transport of dangerous goods).

Thank you!

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