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Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the

Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Bern, 10-11 September and Geneva, 14-18 September 2020

Item 10 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the report

Draft report**I. Attendance**

1. The spring session of the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe was initially scheduled to be held in Bern from 16 to 20 March 2020. It had been postponed due to the risks related to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. To catch up some work progress lost in March, it was decided to add two additional meeting days prior to the autumn session of the Joint Meeting and, for organisational reasons, it was rescheduled to take place in Bern and Geneva. Thus, the session of the Joint Meeting started in Bern on 10 and 11 September and resumed in Geneva from 14 to 18 September 2020, with Mr. C. Pfauvadel (France) as Chair and Ms. Garcia Wolfrum (Spain) as Vice-Chair.

2. In accordance with rule 1 (a) of the rules of procedure of the Joint Meeting, (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/112/Add.2), representatives of the following countries participated as full members at the session: [Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and United Kingdom.

3. In accordance with rule 1 (c) of the rules of procedure, the following were represented in a consultative capacity:

(a) European Union (European Commission and European Union Agency for Railways (ERA)) and Organization for Cooperation between Railways (OSJD);

(b) The following international non-governmental organizations: Council on Safe Transportation of Hazardous Articles (COSTHA), European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC), European Committee for Standardization (CEN), European Conference of Fuel Distributors (ECFD), European Cylinder Makers Association (ECMA), European Industrial

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Gases Association (EIGA), European Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association (AEGPL), International Association of the Body and Trailer Building Industry (CLCCR), International Road Transport Union (IRU), International Tank Container Organisation (ITCO), International Union of Wagon Keepers (UIP) and International Union of Railways (UIC).]

II. Opening of the session

4. Mr. Wolfgang Küpper, Secretary General of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) opened the Bern session and welcomed all delegates participating in the first online meeting of the Joint Meeting. He underlined the good collaboration and importance of the work done in this respect by both the secretariats of OTIF and UNECE. He wished all participants a fruitful discussion and successful deliberation of decisions during the session.

III. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)

Documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/157/Rev.1
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/157/Add.1/Rev.1
RID-20011-RC

Informal documents: INF.1, INF.2 and INF.48 (Secretariat)

5. The Joint Meeting adopted the agenda proposed by the secretariats in documents ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/157/Rev.1 and Add.1/Rev.1 (RID-20011-RC) as updated by informal document INF.2 after amending it to take account of informal documents INF.1 to INF.XX.

IV. Tanks (agenda item 2)

Documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/47 (Ireland)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/49 (United Kingdom)

Informal documents: INF.6/Rev.1 (United Kingdom)
INF.15 (Belgium)

6. The Joint Meeting had an exchange of views on the progress of work by the informal working group on the inspection and certification of tanks and considered three main questions raised by the group on (i) the notification and approval of national systems for inspection bodies (proposed in 1.8.6.2.4 of INF.6/Rev.1), (ii) on the approval of Type C inspection bodies to perform periodic inspections, intermediate inspections and minor exceptional inspections (proposed in 1.8.6.2.1 of ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/47 and 2020/49) and (iii) the entry into service verification of tanks and the reciprocal recognition (proposed in 6.8.1.5.5 of INF.15). Following the discussion, the Joint Meeting invited the Tank Working Group to further elaborate on these three subjects, taking into account the comments received and to report back during the plenary session in Geneva.

7. The consideration of the documents under agenda item 2 was entrusted to the Working Group on Tanks that met also online from 10 to 16 September 2020 with Mr. A. Bale (United Kingdom) as Chair.

VII. Proposal for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN (agenda item 5)

A. Pending issues

1. Amendment of special provision 591 in RID/ADR/ADN Chapter 3.3

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/5 (Germany)

8. The Joint Meeting adopted the proposal of Germany in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/5 (see annex II). It was noted that the revised text of special provisions 591 could have an impact on other regulations, such as the GHS and, therefore, should be checked and, if necessary, be aligned by the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

2. Proposal of amendment to Chapter 1.2 of RID/ADR

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/13 (Portugal)

Informal document: INF.5 (Portugal)

9. The Joint Meeting adopted in principle the list of abbreviations proposed by Portugal in 1.2.3 of ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/13 but preferred to keep the text in square brackets (see annex II). Delegates were invited to verify the texts of the official document together with that of informal document INF.5 and to communicate possible missing elements to the representative of Portugal, who volunteered to prepare a further document for the next Joint Meeting in March 2021.

3. Period of use for plastic packagings for medical waste of UN No. 3549

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/21 (Switzerland)

10. Following an exchange of views by the Joint Meeting on ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/21, the representative of Switzerland volunteered to submit, if necessary, a document for the forthcoming session of the Sub-Committee TDG in December 2020, taking into account the comments received.

4. Requirements for the structural serviceability of cargo transport units

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/24 (CEFIC)

11. The Joint Meeting commented on the proposal by CEFIC. The representative of CEFIC proposed to further develop his proposal and to submit a revised proposal to the next Ad-hoc Working Group on Harmonization in April 2021 or to the Joint Meeting autumn 2021 session.

5. Carriage of FERTILIZER AMMONIATING SOLUTION (UN 1043)

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/36 (Spain)

12. The Joint Meeting adopted the amendments proposed in paragraphs 14 and 15 and in paragraph 16 the option for RID (see annex II). The proposal in paragraph 17 was also endorsed, but the Joint Meeting preferred to leave the decision of the amendments proposed to the ADN Administrative Committee.

6. Name and description for UN 1345 RUBBER SCRAP or RUBBER SHODDY powdered or granulated

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/37 (Spain)

13. The Joint Meeting adopted the amendments in proposal 1 to modify the name and description of UN 1345 (see annex II).

7. Name and description for UN 2015 HYDROGEN PEROXIDE, STABILIZED or HYDROGEN PEROXIDE, AQUEOUS SOLUTION, STABILIZED with more than 60% hydrogen peroxide

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/39 (Spain)

14. The Joint Meeting adopted the proposed amendments (see annex II).

8. Harmonization of SP 593 with 5.5.3

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/40 (Spain)

15. Following the discussion, the Joint Meeting acknowledged the complexity of 5.5.3 and special provision 593, and invited the representative of Spain to prepare a revised proposal for the next Joint Meeting taking in account the comments received.

9. Name and description for UN numbers in Model Regulations and RID/ADR: UN 2426 Ammonium nitrate

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/41 (Spain)

16. The document received several comments and concerns. The representative of Spain announced her intention to further develop the proposal for submission to the next Joint Meeting.

10. Classification of UN 1872 LEAD DIOXIDE

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/53 (Germany)

17. The Joint Meeting adopted the proposed amendments to harmonize the classification of UN 1872 in Chapter 3.2 of RID/ADR/ADN with the classification in the UN Model Regulations and the IMDG Code (see annex II). The representative of Germany added that a further amendment is needed for special provision 802 of ADN and volunteered to submit a corresponding proposal to the ADN Safety Committee.

B. New proposals

1. RID/ADR 4.1.6.15 – standards for valve protection devices

Documents: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/4 (Germany)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/46 (CEN)

18. The representative of Germany withdrew ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/4. On the tables proposed in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/46, the representative of EIGA noted that the standards on shrouds were still missing and volunteered to prepare a proposal for the next session. The Joint Meeting adopted the proposal of CEN (see annex II) with a modification of the maximum application date for EN ISO 11117:2018 and Cor 1:2009. The secretariat was requested to correct the French and German translation of the word "clause".

2. Online refresher training for drivers of dangerous goods

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/8 (IRU)

19. The document received several comments. There was general support on the principles of the proposal by IRU but most delegations that took the floor felt that it is too premature to adopt the document. The Joint Meeting recommended to establish an informal working group to further elaborate the proposal and requested the representative of IRU to prepare the draft terms of reference for such a group for consideration and decision at the March 2021 session. All delegates interested in the subject were invited to contact the representative of IRU.

3. Test periods for battery-vehicles filled in accordance with packing instruction P200

Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/9 (EIGA)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2020/50 (ECMA)

20. Most delegations that took the floor expressed their view that more work is needed on the proposal by EIGA. They felt that it is too premature to already decide on an extended test period for battery-vehicles and that more data is needed for such a decision. The Joint Meeting suggested establishing an informal working group also on this subject and requested the representative of EIGA to prepare the draft terms of reference for that group for consideration and decision at the March 2021 session. Interested delegates should contact the representative of EIGA.
