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Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the
Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
(Bern, 24-28 March 2003)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SESSION*

**to be held at the headquarters of the Universal Postal Union (UPU),
4, Weltpoststrasse, Bern,
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 24 March 2003**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Tanks
3. Standards
4. Miscellaneous proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN

* See letter A 81-02/501.2003 from the Central Office for International Carriage by Rail (OCTI).

5. Harmonization with the United Nations Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
6. Safety in the transport of dangerous goods
7. Future work
8. Miscellaneous
9. Adoption of the report

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The provisional timetable for the plenary session is as follows:

Monday 24 March 2003,	morning:	Items 1, 2 and 3
	afternoon:	Items 2 and 4
Tuesday 25 March 2003:		Item 4
Wednesday 26 March 2003:		Items 2 (possibly) and 4
Thursday 27 March 2003,	morning:	Items 4, 5 and 6
	afternoon:	Items 3, 7 and 8
Friday 28 March 2003:		Item 9 (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 September 2002 session (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/90-OCTI/RID/GT-III/2002-B and addenda).

The following points should be borne in mind:

(a) At its last session in 2002, the Joint Meeting elected Mr. C. Pfauvadel (France) as Chairman and Mr. H. Rein (Germany) as Vice-Chairman for 2003;

(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 (www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm) in English, French and Russian;

(d) The Joint Meeting would possibly, if necessary, like an ad hoc working group to meet concurrently with it on 24 and 25 March to consider documents concerning tanks (item 2), after the item has been discussed in plenary;

(e) An ad hoc working group is scheduled to work 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 (see TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/88-OCTI/RID/GT-III/2002-A, paras. 94 and 95).

A first meeting of this group will be held from 14 to 16 January 2003 to consider standards and draft standards for gas receptacles and tanks (see TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/90-OCTI/RID/GT-III/2002-B, para. 22).

2. TANKS

Reference documents:

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/90/Add.2 (Report of the working group which met during the last session)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/1 (Germany)	Protection of shut-off devices on battery vehicles/battery wagons intended for the carriage of compressed gases - Chapter 6.10
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/12 (Working group on tanks INF.12)	Vacuum-operated waste tanks - 6.8.3.10.9
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/13 (Netherlands)	Periodic inspection of fibre-reinforced plastics (FRP) tanks - Chapter 6.9
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/19 (Germany)	Rear protection of battery vehicles with tubes
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/31 (UIC)	Chapter 4.5 - Use of vacuum-operated waste tanks
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/33 (UIC)	Chapters 4.2 and 6.7 - UN portable tanks
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/34 (Belgium)	Safety equipment on hermetic tanks
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/36 (France)	Transitional measure for TE1
INF.4 (Germany)	Tanks - Item 2 - Section 6.10.4

3. STANDARDS

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/90/Add.3 (Procedure of cooperation with CEN)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2002/14 (CEN)

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

TRANS/WP.15/2002/16 (CEN)

Informal documents submitted at the September 2002 session: INF.4, 5, 6 and 8 (CEN), INF.7 (AEGPL)

Report of the working group to be held in Bonn (Germany) in January 2003.

4. MISCELLANEOUS PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN

Part 1

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/18 (AEGPL)	1.1.3.2 (f)
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/30 (UIC/UIR)	1.1.4.2
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/29 (UIC/UIR)	1.2.1 - Definition of boiling point
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/5 (Liechtenstein)	Clarification of the text of section 1.3.3: Documentation
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/15 (Yugoslavia)	Chapter 1.4 and miscellaneous
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/26 (IRU)	1.8.3 Safety adviser
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/3 (Liechtenstein)	1.8.3.16 Safety adviser

Part 2

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/38 (CEFIC)	Definition of packing group III (Class 3)
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Chapter 3.3

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/11 (United Kingdom)	Hot air balloons
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/23 (Netherlands)	Paint residues
TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/25 (Germany)	Lithium batteries

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/32 (UIC/UIR) Special provision 640

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/37 (France) Used lithium batteries

Chapter 3.4

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/16 (France,
United Kingdom) Limited quantities

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/14
(United Kingdom) Aerosols

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/10 (CEPE) LQ code for UN 3082

Packagings (Parts 4 and 6)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/6 (AEGPL) P200

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/7 (AEGPL) P200

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/9 (Norway) P205

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/20 and -/Add.1-2
(Germany) Report of the working group on chemical
compatibility

Chapter 5.2

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/28 (AEGPL) 5.2.2.2.1.6 (c)

Chapter 5.3

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/8 (Liechtenstein) 5.3.2.2.1

Chapter 5.4

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/4 (Liechtenstein) Empty uncleaned means of transport

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/17 (Austria) 5.4.1.1.1 and 5.4.1.1.6

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/24 (Germany) 5.4.1.1.1 (c)

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/27 (UIC/UIR) Empty means of containment

Part 7

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/2 (Norway)

Chapter 7.2

Carriage of radioactive material

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/35 (Secretariat)

Miscellaneous proposals

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

The Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals of the United Nations Economic and Social Council met on 11 and 12 December 2002 and adopted a new series of amendments to the United Nations Model Regulations (ST/SG/AC.10/29/Add.1-2) which will be incorporated into the thirteenth revised edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the fourth revised edition of the Manual of Tests and Criteria.

As agreed at the last session (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/90, para. 72 and TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/89, item 9), the secretariat will prepare proposals for the harmonization of RID/ADR/ADN on the basis of the decisions taken by the United Nations Committee of Experts. These proposals will receive preliminary consideration from a small working group of the Joint Meeting which will meet in Geneva, at the Palais des Nations, from 26 to 28 May 2003, and will prepare the final documents to be considered by the Joint Meeting in September 2003.

The Joint Meeting may possibly wish to determine the composition of this small working group.

6. SAFETY IN THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/21 (OCTI)

Thirty-ninth session of the RID Committee of Experts

TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2003/22 (UN/ECE)

United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts (December 2002)

7. FUTURE WORK

(see document TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/89, item 9)

8. MISCELLANEOUS

UIC/UIR has submitted an explanatory document on the systematic presentation of Table A of RID/ADR/ADN (informal document INF.3).

The representative of France intends to present a database on accidents with a view to future cooperation among Contracting Parties in preparing international statistics, provided that the development of the database is sufficiently advanced.

9. 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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