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**Economic Commission for Europe****Inland Transport Committee****Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods****Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the  
Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**

Bern, 15 – 19 March 2021

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda****Provisional agenda for the spring 2021 session****Addendum****Annotations and list of documents****1. Adoption of the agenda**

The first item on the agenda concerns its adoption. The Joint Meeting will also have before it the report on its autumn 2020 session, held in Bern, 10–11 September and Geneva, 14–18 September 2020 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/158 and Add.1 – OTIF/RID/RC/2020-A and Add.1).

The following points should be borne in mind:

(a) At its autumn 2020 session, the Joint Meeting re-elected Mr. C. Pfauvadel (France) as Chair and Ms. S. García Wolfrum (Spain) as Vice-Chair for 2021.

(b) UNECE documents (other than agendas or reports) with the symbol ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/ are circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) in German under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/ 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.

(c) The documentation will be available on the UNECE website (<https://unece.org/transport/events/wp15ac1-joint-meeting-rid-committee-experts-and-working-party-transport-2>) in English, French and Russian and on the OTIF website ([http://otif.org/de/?page\\_id=672](http://otif.org/de/?page_id=672)) in German.

(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 3), in accordance with the mandate to be decided by the Joint Meeting.

(e) The Joint Meeting would like, if necessary, an ad hoc working group to meet concurrently with it to consider documents concerning tanks (item 2), after this item have been discussed in plenary.

(f) The reading of the report (item 10) is scheduled for Friday morning (19 March 2021) without interpretation.

(g) Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the current technical restrictions in the UPU, it is not yet possible to indicate whether physical participation in the conference will be possible and which conference platform will be used. More detailed information will be circulated at a later date. For this reason, it is important that you register using the online form by **12 February 2021 at the latest so that we can keep you informed of developments.**

## 2. Tanks

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/3 (UIP) and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/10 (Poland)	Clarification on using tanks after the deadline specified for the next test or inspection
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/19 (United Kingdom)	Carriage of tanks, battery-wagons/battery-vehicles and MEGCs following the expiry of deadlines for intermediate inspections
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/5 (France)	Clarifying inspection expiry dates in Chapters 6.8, 6.10 and 6.12
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/6 (Germany)	Modifications of Chapter 6.9 of RID/ADR on fibre-reinforced plastics (FRP) portable tank
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/7 (United Kingdom) and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/16 (Germany)	Vacuum-operated waste tanks: Non-electrical explosion protection
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/8 (Belgium)	Supplementary information from the informal working group on the inspection and certification of tanks: Proposed amendments to Chapter 6.8 and to Sections 1.8.7 and 1.8.6
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/21 (OTIF secretariat)	Chapter 6.2 – Consequential amendments concerning the proposals made by the informal working group on the inspection and certification of tanks
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/11 (Netherlands)	Very large tank containers: manholes and dome covers
	Need for a definition of extra-large tank-containers
	Revisit of the requirements of 6.8.3.2 in RID/ADR on items of equipment and automatic closing function of valves on connections to the vapour phase on tanks for flammable and toxic refrigerated liquefied and liquefied gases

## 3. Standards

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/17 (CEN)	Information on work of the Working Group on Standards
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## 4. Interpretation of RID/ADR/ADN

No document has been submitted under this agenda item.