

## Economic Commission for Europe

### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

##### 110th session

Geneva, 8–12 November 2021

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### Adoption of the agenda

11 October 2021

### Provisional timetable and additional information

#### Note by the secretariat

#### Schedule and format of the session

1. Reference is made to the provisional agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/254/Add.1).
2. Following consultations with the Bureau of the Working Party and considering the number of documents submitted, it has been agreed to reduce the number of meeting days to four as follows:

The Working Party will meet in hybrid formal meetings on:

- 8 November, afternoon only; and
- 9-12 November, morning and afternoon

3. As indicated in the Note verbale to Member States sent on 4 October by UNECE to the permanent missions and the permanent observer offices to the United Nations Office and other international organisations in Geneva, the meetings will be limited to 2 hours.
4. Delegates can participate online or in the allocated room in the Palais. These meetings will be held **with simultaneous interpretation into English, French and Russian.**
5. Details about how to connect and use the platform will be circulated to registered participants a few days before the session.

#### Conduct of business

#### Comments on documents

6. To facilitate the discussions and the work of the interpreters, delegations are invited to submit, as much as possible, their comments and presentations in advance in informal documents.

#### Quorum and voting

7. In accordance with the Rules of Procedures of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1), the secretary will check the quorum (online and in the room) to declare the session open and to take decisions.
8. When required, votes on decisions and adoption of amendments will be counted considering the participants online and in the meeting room. Governmental delegations with more than one participant are invited to identify their Head of delegation before the meeting. Only one vote per delegation will be registered.

## List of documents

9. As usual, the full list of documents for the session will be issued as informal documents INF.1 (numerical order) and INF.2 (agenda item order) before the opening of the session to take account of all informal documents received.

10. Informal document INF.7 will contain the draft amendments to ADR adopted by the Joint Meeting at its Autumn 2021 session for endorsement by the Working Party. This document will be available in English, French and Russian before the session. It will also contain, in another font colour, the draft amendments adopted by the Joint Meeting at its Autumn 2020 and Spring 2021 sessions and already endorsed by the Working Party and the amendments specific to ADR adopted by the Working Party during the biennium.

## Provisional timetable

11. Based on the documents available on 11 October 2021 and the available time slots for interpretation, and following consultations with Ms. Ariane Roumier, Chair, and Mr. Alfonso Simoni, Vice-Chair, the secretariat proposes the following provisional timetable for the 110th session of the Working Party.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
Monday 8 November 2021	14:00	Testing of the platform and connexions (without interpretation)
	15:00 – 15:30	Start of interpretation services Welcome statements and organizational matters Agenda item 1: Adoption of the agenda
	15:30 – 17:00	Agenda item 5 (b) Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B of ADR – Miscellaneous proposals: documents ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2021/8 and 2021/12 (Sweden and Norway) and related informal documents Agenda item 3: Status of ADR and related issues
Tuesday 9 November 2021	11:00 – 13:00 and 15:00 – 17:00	Agenda item 4: Work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting: informal document INF.7 (English, French and Russian / forthcoming) Presentation of Joint Meeting document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2021/34 in relation with the draft amendments for the inspection and certification of tanks (1.8.6, 1.8.7 and Chapter 6.8)
	Wednesday 10 November 2021	11:00 – 13:00 and 15:00 – 17:00
Thursday 11 November 2021	11:00 – 13:00 and 15:00 – 17:00	Agenda item 2: Eighty-third session of the Inland Transport Committee and Draft revised ADR Road Map Agenda item 6: Interpretation Agenda item 7: Programme of work Agenda item 8: Any other business Agenda item 9: Election of officers for 2022

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
Friday 12 November 2021	11:00 – 13:00 and 15:00 – 17:00	Remaining issues Agenda item 10: adoption of the draft report <i>If time permits, a member of the secretariat will make a presentation on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Circular economy from the Transport of Dangerous Goods perspective and the secretary to the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) will present the Sustainable Inland Transport Connectivity Indicators (SITCIN) (which include also of a cluster of indicators surrounding ADR related issues). See <a href="https://unece.org/transport/documents/2021/07/working-documents/sustainable-inland-transport-connectivity-0">https://unece.org/transport/documents/2021/07/working-documents/sustainable-inland-transport-connectivity-0</a></i>

### **Adoption of the report**

12. The secretariat will prepare a draft report for adoption by the Working Party at the end of the official part of the session. Decisions on proposals of amendments and questions of interpretation will be highlighted in the text of the draft report.

13. In accordance with the special procedures on decision-making for formal meetings with remote participation adopted by EXCOM, the approval of these draft decisions is subject to a 72-hour silence period.

14. One week after the meeting, the decisions will be published in accordance with the procedure agreed by EXCOM and notified to all Permanent Missions in Geneva. Unless objection, the decisions will be deemed adopted at the end of the silence procedure.

### **Participation**

#### **Links for remote participation**

15. Delegates who registered for the session will receive the links for online participation and related guidelines.

#### **Participation in person**

16. In accordance with the latest restrictions in force in the host country, participation in the Palais is limited. Delegates who wish to participate in person and who have not registered on [indico.un.org](https://indico.un.org) yet shall contact directly the secretariat.

17. Delegates whose participation in person was already confirmed will received more details by email including the allocated rooms and links to consult the protective measures in place. See also:

<https://www.ungeneva.org/en/covid-19>

<https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov/empfehlungen-fuer-reisende/quarantaene-einreisende.html>

#### **Registration**

18. Reminder: All delegates (i.e: attending virtually or in person) should register online at: <https://indico.un.org/event/35347/>