

Economic Commission for Europe

Inland Transport Committee

Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

111th session

Geneva, 9-13 May 2022

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

4 April 2022

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.15/257/Add.1).
2. The Working Party will meet in hybrid formal meetings.
3. As agreed with Conferences Services for hybrid meetings, the meetings will be limited to 2 hours.
4. Delegates can participate online or in the allocated room in the Palais (Tempus 1). 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 and speeches

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. See also practical tips for speakers and delegates at <https://www.ungeneva.org/en/conference-management/participant>.

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 shall 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 document INF.2 before the opening of the session to take account of all informal documents received.

10. Document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/256 contains the draft amendments to ADR already adopted by the Working Party for entry into force on 1 January 2023. Informal document INF.5 contains additional draft amendments to ADR adopted for entry into force on 1 January 2023 by the Joint Meeting at its Spring 2022 session and presented for endorsement by the Working Party. This document is available in English, French and Russian. Informal document INF.6 contains corrections to the draft amendments already adopted by the Working Party.

Provisional timetable

11. Based on the documents available on 30 March 2022 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 111th session of the Working Party.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
Monday 9 May 2022	09:30 10:00 – 12:00 and 14:30 – 16:30	Testing of the platform and connexions (without interpretation) Start of interpretation services Welcome statements and organizational matters Agenda item 1: Adoption of the agenda Agenda item 2: Eighty-fourth session of the Inland Transport Committee Agenda item 3: Status of ADR and related issues Agenda item 4: Work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting
Tuesday 10 May 2022	10:00 – 12:00 and 14:30 – 16:30	Agenda item 5 (b): Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B of ADR Interpretation of ADR – Miscellaneous proposals Agenda item 6: Interpretation
Wednesday 11 May 2022	10:00 – 12:00 and 14:30 – 16:30	At the opening of the meeting, after a presentation in plenary, delegates will have the opportunity to visit an electric vehicle will be on display to show how it is constructed and which safety items are included. Agenda item 5 (a): Discussion of proposals related to construction and approval of vehicles / Reports of informal working groups
Thursday 12 May 2022	10:00 – 12:00 and 14:30 – 16:30	Agenda item 7: Programme of work Agenda item 8: Any other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Inland Transport Connectivity Indicators (SITCIN) (which include a cluster of indicators related to ADR) • Circular economy and sustainable use of natural resources
Friday 13 May 2022	10:00 – 12:00 and 14:30 – 16:30	Remaining issues Agenda item 10: adoption of the draft report

Adoption of the report

12. The secretariat will prepare a draft report for adoption by the Working Party at the end 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

Registration

15. Reminder: All delegates (attending virtually or in person) should register online at: <https://indico.un.org/event/1000482/>

Links for remote participation

16. Delegates will receive the links for online participation and related guidelines.

Participation in person

17. Before travelling, delegates are invited to consult the protective measures in place in Switzerland and at the Palais des Nations at:

<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>
