

TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE and WORKSHOP

on RID and the role of the competent authority in relation
to the safety obligations of the participants

10-12 December 2024

Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa, Daugava Riga

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Activities concerning carriage of dangerous goods by rail are governed in the European Union by the Annex II of Directive 2008/68/EC on inland transport of dangerous goods. This Directive takes over and applies to national rail transport the requirements of the relevant international agreement the annex of the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID), appearing as Appendix C to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) concluded at Vilnius on 3 June 1999. Additional transitional provisions were foreseen at the date of adoption of the Directive to accommodate and still allow the use of wagons and tanks of gauge 1520/1524 mm for the relevant EU Member States. Observing Participants are now faced with this transition and assistance was requested view to this adaptation, therefore the Latvian delegation agreed to host the workshop.

OTIF Secretariat will also have an intervention summarizing the most important amendments to RID to enter into force on 1 January 2025.

Representatives of the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) will present the procedures for safety management systems, the role of the dangerous goods safety advisors and the authorization and maintenance procedures for wagons.

At the 15th session, questions were raised concerning the rules applicable for transport of battery storage systems. As batteries are a source of constant technical and scientific progress, the team

leading the negotiations at the UN on this subject will be presenting the latest evolutions in this field and the way it influenced RID and ADR.

The procedures for market surveillance and the relationship between notified bodies and authorities under Directive 2010/35/EU will be presented in view to the coming to term of the relevant key performance indicator.

Questions related to meeting content can be addressed directly to Monica Stanciu mstanciu@transport-community.org

Day 1 – 10 December 2024

RID coexists in a context of railway safety legislation and compliance with the general railway safety rules is essential for performance of effective and time efficient transport of dangerous goods activities. The Safety Management System (SMS) is one of the cornerstones of the safety regulatory framework that helps to ensure a high level of railway safety and authorities and undertakings performing TDG need to have the appropriate capacity and personnel to address this challenge. To prepare for this, ERA representatives will be explaining more in depth the connection between the relevant legislation and RID.

14:00 – 14:05 | Adoption of the draft Agenda

- Amendments to the Agenda
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14:05 – 14:30 | Opening Remarks

- **Speaker:** Ljupka Siljanoska, Deputy Director of the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat
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14:30 – 15:00 | Overview of actors in EU railway safety legislation in connection with RID

- **Speaker:** Emmanuel Ruffin, Coordinator Transport of Dangerous Goods - ERA
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15:00 – 15:30 | *Coffee break*

15:30 – 16:15 | Railway operators Safety Management Systems and Dangerous Goods Safety Advisers (DGSA) Activities

- **Speaker:** Ellen Rogghe, Project Officer - Safety and Operations Unit, ERA
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16:15 – 17:00 | Authorisation, registration and maintenance of wagons

- **Speaker:** Nikola Ilievski, Project Officer, ERA
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Day 2 – 11 December 2024

As RID 2025 will enter into force on 1 January 2025, the main amendments will be summarised in this session courtesy of the OTIF Secretariat.

The situation of approximation by the Regional Partners and Observing Participants will also be reviewed and each delegation is kindly asked to prepare a concrete answer to the questions contained under the 3rd point of the Agenda below.

Batteries testing procedures and their legal regime in transport will be also in focus for this session. Procedures for testing of dangerous goods safety advisers will be briefly presented by the Latvian and French delegation.

09:30 – 10:15 | RID and the international context

- **Speaker:** Jochen Conrad, Head of Dangerous Goods Department OTIF
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10:15 – 11:00 | Railway transport of dangerous goods in Georgia

- **Speaker:** TBS - Georgia
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11:00 – 11:30 | *Coffee break*

11:30 – 12:15 | Discussion on the implementation of RID in the Regional Partners and Observing Participants

Each Regional Partner and Observing Participant (except for Georgia) will be invited to send 3 slides answering the following questions:

- Is RID envisaged for application or applicable for international and/or domestic transport? If yes, what is the language in which the text(s) of the agreement(s) are used for enforcement, application and training.
- Taking into account the requirements of Chapter 1.4, please list the contact details of the infrastructure manager, national safety authority, entity in charge of maintenance and railway undertakings performing TDG. (Name of the institution, address, email address of the department dealing with RID).

- List aspects that need to be addressed in each Regional Partner/Observing Participant to implement RID.
 - **EU Policy on rail transport of dangerous - updates**
 - Mircea Ionescu, Seconded National Expert – C.2 Road Safety, DG MOVE.
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12:15 – 13:00 | The adaptation necessary to become a Member State

- **Speaker:** Dainis Lacis, Senior expert, Latvian State Railway Technical Inspectorate (NSA)
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13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch

14:00 – 14:45 | RID 2025 – what is new?

- **Speaker:** Jochen Conrad, Head of Dangerous Goods Department OTIF
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14:45 – 15:00 | Legal regime for battery transport in UN Model Regulations, RID and ADR

- **Speaker:** Karoly Vizy – Head of mission TDG – French Ministry of Ecological Transition, Energy, Climate and Risk
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15:00 – 15:30 | Coffee break

15:30 – 16:15 | Hazards, tests and what is to be expected in the future on battery technology, including battery storage systems

- **Speaker:** Arnaud Bordes, Battery Safety Engineer - French National Institute for Industrial Environment and Risks.
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16:15 – 17:00 | DGSA training, certification and surveillance explained

- **Speakers:** Dainis Lacis, Senior expert, Latvian State Railway Technical Inspectorate (NSA)
Karoly Vizy – Head of mission TDG – French Ministry of Ecological Transition,
Energy, Climate and Risk

Day 3 – 12 December 2024

The last day will be dedicated to discussions on the responsibilities of the national safety authorities (NSA) for railways in connection with RID. The activities of the market surveillance authorities and their relationship with the notified bodies under Directive 2010/35/EU will also be explained.

Further planning activities on rail TDG, and the means at disposal for assistance view to increase of administrative capacity will be further looked at.

09:30 – 10:15 | TCT Support for capacity building and technical assistance for the Republic of Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine

- **Speaker:** Vida Jerković, Rail and Multimodality Desk Officer - Project Implementation Unit, TC Permanent Secretariat
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10:15 – 11:30 | Directive 2010/35/EU on transportable pressure equipment – market surveillance and relationship with notified bodies

- **Speaker:** Grenda Sofija Demakina, Deputy Head Technical Products Surveillance Division, Latvian Consumer Rights Protection Centre - Chair of the TPED and MED AdCo Group
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11:15 – 11:30 | *Coffee Break*

11:30 – 12:15 | National safety authority (NSA) role in the field of TDG

- **Speaker:** Dainis Lacis, Senior expert, Latvian State Railway Technical Inspectorate (NSA)
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12:15 – 13:00 | Work plan for the future

- **Brainstorming** for all participants
 - View to establishment of 2026 budget of the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat, subjects for further work/activities are being actively thought. Projects with a regional scope and relevant for the international community will be prioritised.
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13:00 – 14:00 | *Lunch Break*