

IRU Seminar

“The Rotterdam Rules: Potential Effects on and Challenges to be faced by the Road Transport Industry”

Preliminary Programme

*Venue: Salle 5 & 6 Dunant, Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG),
17, Rue de Varembe, Geneva*

Date: 3 November 2010, 09:00 – 16:45

- 09:00** Welcome of participants, Registration
- 09:30 – 09:35** Welcome Speech
Mr Martin Marmy, Secretary General, International Road Transport Union (IRU)
- 09:35 - 09:45** Introduction by the Seminar Chairperson, Mr Peter Cullum, Road Haulage Association (RHA)

What Are the Rotterdam Rules?

- 09:45 – 10:05** **General Presentation of the Rotterdam Rules (objectives, scope of application, what is new compared to The Hague-Visby / Hamburg Rules, signatories, etc.)**

Speaker: Mrs Kate Lannan, Secretary of Working Group III, UNCITRAL
- 10:05 – 10:25** **Obligations/Liabilities of the Carrier and of the Shipper under the Rotterdam Rules**

Speaker: Mr Hugh Hurst, Secretariat, International Group of P & I Clubs
- 10:25 – 10:45** **Free Discussion**
- 10:45 – 11:05** **Coffee Break**
- 11:05 – 11:25** **Multimodal Aspects of the Rotterdam Rules**

Speaker: Mr Kaare Christoffersen, Container Business Legal, Maersk Line
- 11:25 – 11:45** **The Role of the European Union in the Rotterdam Rules Process and the Single EU Multimodal Transport Document**

Speaker: Mr Pawel Stelmaszczyk, Head of Unit in charge of Logistics, Commodity, Motorways of the Sea & Marco Polo, European Commission, DG MOVE

11:45 – 12:05 **Shippers' Approach to the Rotterdam Rules, including Liability Issues**

Speaker: Mr Detlef Neufang, Lawyer, Deputy Secretary General, Bundesverband Wirtschaft, Verkehr und Logistik e.V. (BWVL)

12:05 – 12:30 **Free Discussion**

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**

Challenges faced by the Road Transport Industry

14:00 – 14:30 **The Rotterdam Rules and the CMR Convention: What are the Implications for Road Transport Operators?**

Speaker: Mr Waldemar Czapski, Lawyer, International Road Transport Union (IRU)

14:30 – 15:00 **Advice to Transport Operators when faced with the Application of the Rotterdam Rules: Results of the Study Prepared by the IRU Commission on Legal Affairs (CAJ)**

Speaker: Ms Birthe Boisen, Lawyer, ITD, Denmark.

15:00 – 15:30 **Free Discussion**

15:30 – 16:00 **Final summary by the Seminar Chairperson**

16:00 **Closing of the Seminar**

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