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Working Party on the Transport
of Dangerous Goods

Meeting of Experts on the European Provisions
concerning the International Carriage of
Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway (ADN)

(First session, Geneva,
19-21 January 1998)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 19 January 1998

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Fifty-ninth and sixtieth sessions of the Inland Transport Committee
ECE/TRANS/119

Pursuant to the decisions of the Inland Transport Committee at its fifty-eighth session (ECE/TRANS/116, para. 152), work on the European Provisions concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway (ADN) is henceforth the subject of meetings of experts on ADN under the auspices of the Working Party on the Transport of

Dangerous Goods.

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| 4. | European Provisions concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway (ADN) | TRANS/WP.15/148
TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/1998/1 |
| 5. | Effects of the restructuring of ADR on ADN | TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/1998/3 |
| 6. | Cooperation with the Ad Hoc Working Group for the Elaboration of a draft European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway | TRANS/AC.6/8 and ?/Add.1
TRANS/AC.6/10
TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/1998/2
and Corr.1 |
| 7. | Programme of work and calendar of meetings | TRANS/WP.15/147 |
| 8. | Any other business | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/28
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.78/Rev.2 |
| 9. | Adoption of the report | |

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/1).

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure and established practice, the meeting will elect a Chairman and possibly a Vice-Chairman.

3. FIFTY-NINTH AND SIXTIETH SESSIONS OF THE INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

The Meeting of Experts will be informed of the decisions of the Inland Transport Committee at its fifty-ninth (13-17 January 1997) and sixtieth sessions (12-16 January 1998).

4. EUROPEAN PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY INLAND WATERWAY (ADN)

The secretariat has published a revised version of the European Provisions concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway (ADN) (TRANS/WP.15/148). Since in the past some delegations have expressed a wish to verify in detail the texts which in the future will be the subject of annex 1 of the draft European Agreement concerning the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway, the meeting may possibly wish to consider any comments which may be made on the three language versions.

The secretariat has prepared a document concerning the limitation of quantities of 1.1 A explosives to be carried by inland waterway.

The Meeting of Experts will be informed of the proposals for amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR to be adopted at the sixty-third session (17-21 November 1997) of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, on the basis of documents TRANS/WP.15/1997/12 and TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/70/Add.1 and ?/Corr.1. It is expected that these amendments will enter into force on 1 January 1999.

The Meeting of Experts may possibly wish to consider the consequences of these amendments for ADN.

5. EFFECTS OF THE RESTRUCTURING OF ADR ON ADN

The Meeting of Experts will be informed of the progress of work on the restructuring of ADR (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/1998/3) and may possibly wish to envisage a programme of work to take account of its consequences on ADN.

6. COOPERATION WITH THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP FOR THE ELABORATION OF A DRAFT EUROPEAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY INLAND WATERWAY (ADN) (AC.6)

The Meeting of Experts will be informed of the progress of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group for the Elaboration of a draft European Agreement on the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway (TRANS/AC.6/6 and ?/Add.1, TRANS/AC.6/8 and ?/Add.1, TRANS/AC.6/10).

The AC.6 Ad Hoc Working Group at its fifth session asked the Meeting of Experts to consider the draft of Annex 2, chapter 3 of the draft Agreement (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/1998/2 and ?/Corr.1). The Meeting of Experts may possibly also wish to consider what consequences the work on Annex 2 of the draft Agreement may have on the present marginals of ADN, particularly with regard to the issue of certificates of approval.

7. PROGRAMME OF WORK AND CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods at its sixty-second session (12-16 May 1997) adopted a new programme of work and a new calendar of meetings for the organization of future meetings in order better to coordinate activities concerning ADR, RID and ADN in conjunction with the activities of the Economic and Social Council's Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TRANS/WP.15/147, annex 4). This programme of work and calendar are to be considered by the Inland Transport Committee at its sixtieth session (12-16 January 1998) in the context of the reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and its subsidiary bodies.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Meeting of Experts may possibly wish to note that the stability of vessels carrying containers continues to be under consideration by the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) and that once the relevant amendments are made to the annex to Resolution No. 17 as revised, it should be possible to replace Annex B.1, Appendix 3 of ADN by a reference to the annex in question.

The Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) has provisionally adopted provisions concerning reporting requirements by vessels carrying dangerous goods and has requested Governments to submit their comments to it by 1 March 1998 (see TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/28, paras. 16 to 18). These provisions can be found in document TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.78/Rev.2.

9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with its usual practice, the Meeting of Experts will adopt the report of its first session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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