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**INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

Working Party on the Transport  
of Dangerous Goods

Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations  
annexed to the European Agreement concerning  
the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods  
by Inland Waterways (ADN)\*

(Fourth session, Geneva, 16-19 January 2001)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH SESSION\*\***

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 16 January 2001

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)

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\* This meeting is organized jointly by the Economic Commission for Europe and the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine.

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The title of this meeting (previously “Meeting of Experts on the European Provisions concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway”) was modified following the adoption of a European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways by the Diplomatic Conference of 20 to 26 May 2000 (see also this agenda and ECE/TRANS/133, para. 87).

4. Proposals for amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN
5. Restructuring of the Regulations annexed to ADN
6. Recommendations for the implementation of the updates of the Regulations annexed to ADN
7. Appointment of provisional committees of experts to consider requests for recognition from classification societies
8. Programme of work and calendar of meetings
9. Any other business
10. Adoption of the report.

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Annex: Resolution of the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways: Follow-up to the Conference.

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#### 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.2/8).

##### Organization of work time:

The secretariat proposes that the work time should be divided up as follows:

16 January:	agenda items 1 to 4
17 January:	agenda items 4 and 5
18 January:	agenda items 7 to 9
19 January:	agenda item 10.

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. STATUS OF THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY INLAND WATERWAYS

As of 25 October 2000, the Agreement had been signed (subject to ratification) by seven States: Bulgaria; Croatia; Czech Republic; France; Germany; Italy; Slovakia.

The meeting will be informed of any further developments.

4. PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS ANNEXED TO ADN

Amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN have been proposed by:

- CCNR: TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2001/1
- Belgium: TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2001/2

5. RESTRUCTURING OF ADN

The Meeting may wish to consider the restructuring of ADN in the light of the restructuring of ADR.

The restructuring of ADR was completed with the adoption of the following new structure:

- Part 1: General provisions (TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.1)
  - Part 2: Classification (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/80/Add.2)
  - Part 3: Dangerous goods list and exemptions concerning the carriage of dangerous goods packed in limited quantities
- Chapter 3.1 General (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/80/Add.3)
- Chapter 3.2 List of dangerous substances and articles in UN number order (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/80/Add.3)
- Chapter 3.3 Special provisions (TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.2 and TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.2/Rev.1)
- Chapter 3.4 Limited quantities (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/80/Add.3)

- Part 4      Packing and tank provisions
- Chapter 4.1    Use of packagings including intermediate bulk containers (IBCs) and large packagings (TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.3 and TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.3/Corr.1)
- Chapter 4.2    Use of portable tanks (TRANS/WP.15/AC.21/80/Add.4 and TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/Add.4/Corr.1)
- Chapter 4.3    Use of fixed tanks (tank-vehicles), demountable tanks, tank swap bodies and tank-containers with shells made of metallic materials, and battery-vehicles and multiple-element gas containers (MEGCs) (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/80/Add.5)
- Chapter 4.4    Use of fibre-reinforced plastics (FRP) tanks (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/80/Add.5)
- Chapter 4.5    Use of vacuum-operated waste tanks (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/80/Add.5)
- Part 5:      Consignment procedures
- Chapter 5.1    General provisions (TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.4)
- Chapter 5.2    Marking and labelling (TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.4)
- Chapter 5.3    Placarding and marking of containers, MEGCs, tank-containers, portable tanks and vehicles (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/80/Add.6)
- Chapter 5.4    Documentation (TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.4)
- Chapter 5.5    Special provisions (TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.4)
- Part 6:      Requirements for the construction and testing of packagings, intermediate bulk containers (IBCs) and tanks
- Chapter 6.1    Requirements for the construction and testing of packagings (TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.5)
- Chapter 6.2    Requirements for the construction and testing of receptacles for gases, aerosols and small receptacles containing gas (gas cartridges) (TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.6)
- Chapter 6.3    Requirements for the construction and testing of packagings for Class 6.2 substances (TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.5)
- Chapter 6.4    Requirements for the construction, testing and approval of packages and material of Class 7 (TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.7)

- Chapter 6.5 Requirements for the construction and testing of intermediate bulk containers (IBCs) (TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.8)
- Chapter 6.6 Requirements for the construction and testing of large packagings (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/80/Add.7)
- Chapter 6.7 Requirements for the design, construction, inspection and testing of portable tanks (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/80/Add.8 and TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/80/Add.8/Corr.1)
- Chapter 6.8 Requirements for the construction, equipment, type approval, testing and marking of fixed tanks (tank-vehicles), demountable tanks and tank-containers and tank swap bodies, with shells made of metallic material, and battery-vehicles and multiple element gas containers (MEGCs) (TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/80/Add.9)
- Chapter 6.9 Requirements for the design, construction, equipment, type approval, testing and marking of fibre-reinforced plastics (FRP) tanks (TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.9)
- Chapter 6.10 Requirements for the construction, equipment, type approval, testing and marking of vacuum-operated waste tanks (TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.12)
- Part 7: Provisions concerning the conditions of carriage, loading, unloading and handling (TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.10)
  - Part 8: Requirements for vehicle crews, equipment, operation and documentation (TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.11)
  - Part 9: Requirements concerning the construction and approval of vehicles (TRANS/WP.15/159/Add.11)

All these documents are available on the ECE web page at the address:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/adr-restr.htm>

Corrections to the above texts may be found in document TRANS/WP.15/161/Add.1 (available at the same address).

## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UPDATES TO THE REGULATIONS ANNEXED TO ADN AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

The mandate of the Joint Meeting of Experts as defined in the resolution on the follow-up to the Diplomatic Conference states that the meeting must, before entry into force of the Agreement, “recommend regular implementation, at national level, of the updated provisions of the relevant annexes by all countries interested in becoming parties to the Agreement”.

In addition to draft amendments which may be adopted at this session, it is recalled that at its last session the meeting had also adopted amendments which it had decided not to submit to the Diplomatic Conference but which should subsequently be taken into account (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/7, annex 1).

7. APPOINTMENT OF PROVISIONAL COMMITTEES OF EXPERTS TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR RECOGNITION FROM CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES

The meeting is required, in the terms of its mandate, “to appoint, amongst Contracting States and Signatory States, provisional committees of experts in accordance with Annex C, Chapter 2, paragraph 2.2.2 of the annexed Regulations to consider on a preliminary basis requests from classification societies which wish to be recommended for recognition”.

8. PROGRAMME OF WORK AND CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The meeting may wish to discuss the programme of work and calendar of meetings for the next session.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No proposals have been received in connection with this agenda item.

10. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

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

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Annex**Resolution****Follow up to the Conference**The Conference,

Recognizing that the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) meet the level of safety required for navigation on European waterways covered by the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN), particularly on the Rhine, at the time of adoption of this Agreement,

Considering, however, that this level of safety might no longer be deemed suitable at the time of entry into force of the Agreement, depending on the evolution of safety and transport techniques,

Recognizing also the need for harmonization of the provisions of the Regulations annexed to this Agreement with those of other agreements governing other modes of transport for the purpose of facilitating multimodal transport,

Aware of the request by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine that the level of safety at the time of entry into force of the Agreement should correspond to that applicable at that time on the Rhine,

Aware also of the desire of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine and of the Danube Commission to remain closely associated in the regulating process,

Noting that the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine and the Danube Commission have bodies dealing with the transport of dangerous goods by inland waterways,

Considering that, once the Agreement has entered into force, any proposal relating to the annexed Regulations should in principle, before submission to the Administrative Committee, be discussed at meetings of experts of the Contracting Parties and, if necessary, of the other States and international organizations mentioned in article 17, paragraph (2),

1. Invites the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine and the Danube Commission to establish a joint meeting of experts with the following mandate:

- (a) before entry into force of the Agreement:
  - (i) to prepare the updates of the annexed Regulations in order to enable the Administrative Committee, once the Agreement has entered into force, to

adapt them to the evolution of transport techniques and to the ongoing restructuring of the other European regulations governing the carriage of dangerous goods and to bring them into line with the level of safety required for navigation on European waterways covered by AGN, particularly on the Rhine;

- (ii) to recommend regular implementation, at national level, of the updated provisions of the relevant annexes by all countries interested in becoming parties to the Agreement;
- (iii) to appoint, amongst Contracting States and Signatory States, provisional committees of experts in accordance with Annex C, Chapter 2, paragraph 2.2.2 of the annexed Regulations to consider on a preliminary basis requests from classification societies which wish to be recommended for recognition;

- (b) after entry into force of the Agreement:

to take the place of the Safety Committee referred to in article 18.

2. Requests the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe to convene a meeting of the Administrative Committee as soon as possible after the entry into force of the Agreement with a view to:

- (a) adopting proposals for the revision of the annexed Regulations as prepared in accordance with paragraphs 1 (a) (i) and 1 (b) above so that the Regulations will be applicable on the date scheduled in article 11, paragraph 1;

- (b) adopting a list of recommended classification societies on the basis of the preliminary work carried out in accordance with paragraph 1 (a) (iii) above, or appointing new committees of experts in accordance with Annex C, Chapter 2, paragraph 2.2.2 to consider requests from classification societies which wish to be recommended for recognition.

Adopted on 25 May 2000