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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS CONCERNING REPORTING DUTY
IN 7.1.5.8 AND 7.2.5.8**

Transmitted by the Government of Austria

The existing texts concerning reporting duty in the context of the transport of dangerous goods in 7.1.5.8 and 7.2.5.8 do not take into account developments occurring in recent years in various Danube and Rhine States and in the international standardization bodies. In particular, reporting duty should not be restricted to vessels carrying markings but should be extended to all instances of the transport of dangerous goods subject to ADN. For example, information concerning corrosive or radioactive substances would be of the highest importance for the emergency services.

Generally speaking, in terms of organization the following scenario could be recommended:

- general reporting duty in the event of the transport of dangerous goods before the start of the voyage and before entry into the territory of a State; the report may be made by the master or by another person (e.g. in the land-based company) using any form of communication, and must contain detailed information on the vessel, the route and the cargo;
- reporting duty incumbent on the master when passing certain specific points indicated by B.11 signs; these reports must be made by radio telephone on the channel indicated on the sign and may be limited to the identification of the vessel, since precise details of the cargo have already been given.

An international standard for electronic announcements has already been developed and will probably be in force as from 2005. At the present time, electronic reporting is possible in the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland and Austria, and preparations are being made to introduce it in several other European States.

The Federal Minister for Transport, Innovation and Technology, the highest authority for inland navigation, attaches a proposed text in the form of an annex taking the foregoing into account.

Annex

7.1.5.8 Reporting duty

7.1.5.8.1 In countries where reporting duty is in force, masters of vessels or convoys carrying dangerous goods in accordance with the provisions of ADN shall, prior to the start of the voyage, report the following particulars to the competent authority of the country in which the voyage has started:

- (a) category of vessel;
- (b) name of the vessel;
- (c) official number;
- (d) dead-weight tonnage;
- (e) description of the dangerous goods carried as given in the transport document (UN number, proper shipping name and, where applicable, packing group, danger labels and/or classification code) together with the quantity of each substance;

Note:

For goods of Class 1, the gross mass of the packages shall be specified in addition to the net mass of explosive substances and of explosive substances contained in the articles.

- (f) number of persons on board;
- (g) port of destination;
- (h) planned shipping route.

When a voyage commences outside the country where the reporting duty is in force, the reporting duty shall apply on entering and leaving the country. The information may be given orally (e.g. by radio/telephone), in writing or electronically.

7.1.5.8.2 When passing the other traffic control stations designated by the competent authority by sign B.11 (Annex 7 of CEVNI), the following particulars shall be reported:

- name of vessel;
- official number.

7.1.5.8.3 The particulars indicated in 7.1.5.8.1 may also be communicated by other services or persons to the competent authority, in writing, by telephone or electronically.

7.1.5.8.4 Any change in the particulars referred to in 7.1.5.8.1 shall be reported immediately to the competent authority.

7.1.5.8.5 This information is confidential and shall not be passed on to third parties by the competent authority.

The competent authority may, however, in the event of an accident, inform the emergency services of the relevant particulars required for organizing emergency action.

7.2.5.8 Reporting obligation

7.2.5.8.1 In countries where reporting duty is in force, masters of vessels or convoys carrying dangerous goods in accordance with the provisions of ADN shall, prior to the start of the voyage, report the following particulars to the competent authority of the country in which the voyage has started:

- category of vessel;
- name of the vessel;
- official number;
- dead-weight tonnage;
- description of the dangerous goods carried as given in the transport document (UN number, proper shipping name, class and, where applicable, packing group,) together with the quantity of each substance;
- number of persons on board;
- port of destination;
- planned shipping route.

When a voyage commences outside the country where the reporting duty is in force, the reporting duty shall apply on entering and leaving the country. The information may be given orally (e.g. by radio/telephone), in writing or electronically.

7.2.5.8.2 When passing the other traffic control stations designated by the competent authority by sign B.11 (Annex 7 of CEVNI), the following particulars shall be reported:

- name of vessel;
- official number.

7.2.5.8.3 The particulars indicated in 7.2.5.8.1 may also be communicated by other services or persons to the competent authority, in writing, by telephone or electronically.

7.2.5.8.4 Any change in the particulars referred to in 7.2.5.8.1 shall be reported immediately to the competent authority.

7.2.5.8.5 This information is confidential and shall not be passed on to third parties by the competent authority.

The competent authority may, however, in the event of an accident, inform the emergency services of the relevant particulars required for organizing emergency action.
