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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)

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"SUBSTANCES" GROUP

Transmitted by Germany

Proposal:

It is proposed to give a mandate for the creation of a small working group (the "substances" group). This group should take care of the management and updating of the lists of dangerous goods (tables A, B and C) contained in the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)

Justification:

Such a working method proved useful at the time of the work on the ADNR by the CCNR (Working group on dangerous goods (MD/G).

In this way of working it is also possible to bring together the experts on "substances" who may not be members of delegations participating in the Safety Committee (AC.2).

The smaller number of participants in this "substances" group should allow a more efficient and detailed discussion of the different points. It would therefore be possible to avoid doing the same work again in the Safety Committee, such as for example on WP.15/AC.2/14/INF.9 Table C (substances Nos 9005 and 9006).

Mandate

The mandate of the "substances" group should consist of managing and updating the lists of dangerous goods (table A, table B and table C) in line with the development of the provisions of the Regulations and their harmonization between the different modes of transport. The results of the work should lead to decisions on proposals by the Safety Committee (AC.2).

The representatives of all interested members of the Safety Committee should be invited to participate in the work of the "substances" group.

Germany is prepared in the first phase to assure the chairmanship of the "substances" group and proposes Strasbourg for the meeting venue if the CCNR is in agreement.
