Definition of safe haven

Transmitted by the Recommended ADN Classification Societies

Summary

Executive summary: The classification societies currently have no rules for certification of "safe havens" on board tank vessels. It is not realistic to develop rules on certification of safe havens in time for ADN 2015.

Action to be taken: Discuss this issue once again at the next session of the ADN Safety Committee and consider establishing an informal working group to define criteria for the design of safe havens.


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1. During the discussion on proposal 2 in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2014/25 regarding the definition of "safe area" and "safe haven" at the last session of the ADN Safety Committee, representatives of the Recommended ADN Classification Societies pointed out that the classification societies currently have no rules for certification of safe havens on board tank vessels.

2. As the requirements for such safe havens touch on numerous different regulatory areas, not least health and safety, and numerous different technical requirements, the classification societies requested the Safety Committee to set up an informal working group to define criteria for the design of a safe haven. They proposed that at least representatives of shipowners, government safety organizations and classification societies should participate in this informal working group.

3. The representatives of the classification societies also pointed out that for the development of new rules, e.g. for a safe haven, the different procedures (planning, internal application and authorization of the project, development of the new rules, verification and entry into force) of each classification society had to be settled. These procedures need time and therefore it is unrealistic to think that rules for the certification a safe haven could be available for ADN 2015.

4. Unfortunately, the Recommended ADN Classification Societies could not find any reflection of this discussion in the report of the twenty-fourth session of the ADN Safety Committee and therefore ask that this matter be discussed once again at the next session of the ADN Safety Committee.