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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) (ADN Safety Committee)

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#### Implementation of ADN:

Matters related to classification societies

### **Application by Rina Services S.p.A., Genoa, Italy, for inclusion on the list of classification societies recommended by the ADN Administrative Committee**

**Transmitted by the Government of Germany<sup>1,2</sup>**

## **I. Introduction**

1. The Committee of Experts mandated by the ADN Administrative Committee submitted its provisional conclusions concerning the application from the Registro Italiano Navale (RINA) to the Administrative Committee at its twenty-fourth session. The Committee of Experts had invited the applicant to provide further information (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/50, para. 20).

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2012–2016 (ECE/TRANS/224, para. 94, ECE/TRANS/2012/12, programme activity 02.7, (A1b)).

<sup>2</sup> Distributed in German by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine under the symbol CCNR-ZKR/ADN/WP.15/AC.2/2014/36.



## II. Status

2. Additional documentation was submitted to the German competent authority in February 2014 and circulated to the members of the Committee of Experts.
3. Having examined the documents provided, the Committee of Experts is unable to recommend to the ADN Safety Committee and Administrative Committee that this company should be added to the list of approved classification societies.
4. The Committee's reservations concern the following points:
  - (a) Knowledge and experience of the construction of inland waterway vessels: the Committee of Experts has received no technical information that would enable it to compare the merchant vessels the company inspects in South America with the type of vessels and designs that predominate in the field covered by ADN;
  - (b) Rules and regulations for the design, construction and periodic inspection of vessels: the supplements and amendments in line with ADN requested by the Committee of Experts have not yet been transmitted;
  - (c) No dependence on a single commercial enterprise: the applicant has not provided transparent information concerning its clientele;
  - (d) Branch authorized to give a ruling and to act in all areas incumbent on it under the regulations governing inland waterway transport: the Committee of Experts considers that the capacity of the subcontractors in Germany and the Netherlands to act in all areas is not adequately demonstrated;
  - (e) Action in accordance with the rules governing industry practice: the references to the *IACS Code of Ethics* requested by the Committee of Experts have not been submitted;
  - (f) Effective internal quality system: the Committee of Experts considers that the certification documents are not clear;
  - (g) Undertaking to cooperate with the other approved classification societies: the document concerning this undertaking requested by the Committee of Experts has not been transmitted.

## III. Proposal

5. The Committee of Experts proposes that the applicant should be given the opportunity to complete its application and resubmit it to the ADN Safety Committee at its twenty-fifth session or by 30 September 2015.
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