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**Proposals for amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN:  
Other proposals**

### **Rationalization of requirements for the certificate of approval**

**Transmitted by the Governments of Austria, France and Germany<sup>1,2</sup>**

#### *Summary*

<b>Executive summary:</b>	The procedure for issuing certificates of approval is covered twice in ADN 2013: in Chapter 1.16 and in sections 8.1.8 and 8.1.9.
<b>Action to be taken:</b>	Delete sections 8.1.8 and 8.1.9 and place some of their provisions in Chapters 1.16 and 8.6. Consequential amendments.
<b>Related documents:</b>	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2014/18 ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/50 – 24th session Safety Committee Report – paragraph 52.

<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.2/2014/45.

## Introduction

1. In the related document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2014/18 (January 2014), Germany signalled the current duplication between, on the one hand sections 8.1.8 (certificate of approval) and 8.1.9 (provisional certificate of approval), and on the other hand Chapter 1.16, emphasizing the potential risk of subsequent legal uncertainty.
2. Germany proposed the deletion of sections 8.1.8 and 8.1.9, and the addition of a paragraph 1.16.1.1.3 in sub-section 1.16.1.1, related to the relief pressure of safety valves or high velocity vent valves for tank vessels.
3. The Austrian and French delegations considered that these proposed amendments could be fine-tuned, by taking into account that:
  - Chapter 1.16 deals with procedures for the issuance of certificates;
  - Chapter 8.6 already dealt with the way to fill out the certificates; and
  - the proposed amendments would require some consequential amendments.
4. The present document lists these various amendments.

## Proposal

5. Replace the current text of sections 8.1.8 and 8.1.9 by: “**Reserved**”.
6. Modify paragraph 1.16.1.2.1 as follows (**new text in bold underlined**):
 

“1.16.1.2.1 The certificate of approval shall conform to the model 8.6.1.1 or 8.6.1.3 **with regard to content, form and layout** and include the required particulars, as appropriate. It shall include the date of expiry of the period of validity.

**Its dimensions are 210 mm x 297 mm (A4). Front and back pages may be used.**

**It shall be drawn up in the language or one of the languages of the issuing country. If this language is not English, French or German, the title of the certificate and each entry under items 5, 9 and 10 in the certificate of approval for dry cargo vessels (8.6.1.1) and under items 12, 16 and 17 in the certificate of approval for tank vessels (8.6.1.3) shall also be provided in English, French or German.**”
7. Taking into account that, for tank vessels, the certificate (8.6.1.3) and the provisional certificate (8.6.1.4) already deal with the situation in which the opening pressures of valves are different depending on the tank (refer to footnote 2 of item 7, and page 3 – Table for tanks 1 to 12), it is proposed to modify page 3 of the models in 8.6.1.3 and 8.6.1.4 as follows:

If the cargo tanks of the vessel are not all of the same type or the same condition or the equipment is not the same, their type, their condition and their equipment shall be indicated below:												
Cargo tank number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Opening pressure of the high-velocity vent valve / <b><u>safety valve</u></b> in kPa												

## Consequential amendments

8. Modify the summary as follows:

"8.1.8 ~~Certificate of approval~~ (**Reserved**)"

8.1.9 ~~Provisional certificate of approval~~ (**Reserved**)"

9. Modify the second paragraph of 7.1.2.19.1 as follows:

"Vessels not carrying dangerous goods shall comply with the requirements of the following paragraphs:

**1.16.1.1, 1.16.1.2, 1.16.1.3,** 7.1.2.5, 8.1.5, 8.1.6.1, 8.1.6.3, 8.1.7, ~~8.1.8, 8.1.9~~, 9.1.0.0, 9.1.0.12.3, 9.1.0.17.2, 9.1.0.17.3, 9.1.0.31, 9.1.0.32, 9.1.0.34, 9.1.0.41, 9.1.0.52.2, 9.1.0.52.3, 9.1.0.56, 9.1.0.71 and 9.1.0.74."

10. Modify 7.2.2.19.3 as follows:

"7.2.2.19.3 When a pushed convoy or a side-by-side formation comprises a tank vessel carrying dangerous substances, vessels used for propulsion shall meet the requirements of the following paragraphs:

**1.16.1.1, 1.16.1.2, 1.16.1.3,** 7.2.2.5, 8.1.4, 8.1.5, 8.1.6.1, 8.1.6.3, 8.1.7, ~~8.1.8, 8.1.9~~, 9.3.3.0.1, 9.3.3.0.3 (d), 9.3.3.0.5, 9.3.3.10.1, 9.3.3.10.2, 9.3.3.12.4, 9.3.3.12.6, 9.3.3.16, 9.3.3.17.1 to 9.3.3.17.4, 9.3.3.31.1 to 9.3.3.31.5, 9.3.3.32.2, 9.3.3.34.1, 9.3.3.34.2, 9.3.3.40.1 (however, one single fire or ballast pump shall be sufficient), 9.3.3.40.2, 9.3.3.41, 9.3.3.50.1 (c), 9.3.3.50.2, 9.3.3.51, 9.3.3.52.3 to 9.3.3.52.6, 9.3.3.56.5, 9.3.3.71 and 9.3.3.74.

11. Modify 8.1.2.1 (a) as follows:

"8.1.2.1 In addition to the documents required by other regulations, the following documents shall be kept on board:

(a) The vessel's certificate of approval referred to in ~~8.1.8~~ **1.16.1.1 or the vessel's provisional certificate of approval referred to in 1.16.1.3** and the annex referred to in 1.16.1.4;"

## Other proposed amendments

12. For the sake of consistency between the certificate of approval and the provisional certificate of approval, add the new text (**in bold underlined**) to 1.16.1.3.2:

"1.16.1.3.2 The provisional certificate of approval shall conform to the model in 8.6.1.2 or 8.6.1.4 **with regard to content, form and layout** or a single model certificate combining a provisional certificate of inspection and the provisional certificate of approval provided that the single model certificate contains the same information as the model in 8.6.1.2 or 8.6.1.4 and is approved by the competent authority.

**Its dimensions are 210 mm x 297 mm (A4). Front and back pages may be used.**

**It shall be drawn up in the language or one of the languages of the issuing country. If this language is not English, French or German, the title of the certificate and each entry under item 5 in the provisional certificate of approval for dry cargo vessels (8.6.1.2) and under item 12**

**in the provisional certificate of approval for tank vessels (8.6.1.4) shall also be provided in English, French or German.”**

### **Other considerations**

13. The goal of legal certainty and maintaining the current procedure for the issuance of certificates, as raised by Germany in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2014/18, are preserved.

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