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Implementation of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN): Interpretation of the Regulations annexed to ADN

Certificate of special knowledge of ADN – section 8.6.2

Transmitted by the Government of France*, **

Summary

Executive summary:	France hereby informs the other contracting parties to ADN of the implementation procedure that it intends to use to prepare expert certificates in accordance with 8.6.2.
Action to be taken:	See paragraph 8.
Related documents:	None.

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1. The model certificate of special knowledge of ADN, as currently set out in 8.6.2 of the annexed Regulations, is reproduced below:

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2. For the reasons set out in paragraphs 3 to 7 of the present document, France wishes to use the following model, which leads to an identical outcome as regards the information contained in the certificate:

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* **Strike out or select as appropriate.**

3. In France, the creation of the new certificate formats will, in the near future, be entrusted to a State body that has a legal monopoly for the creation of secure documents (which is the case for expert certificates).

4. In order to produce these certificates, this body must have a database and a template for the certificates, which entails production costs for the economic operators involved in issuing the certificates (training bodies, employers, etc.).

5. Moreover, France has a small number of experts (around 150 to 180), and there is no reasonable way of absorbing the costs of developing a specific template for the expert certificates of so few individuals.

6. The model displayed in paragraph 2 is directly comparable in structure to that used for the production of certificates for drivers, as set out in 8.2.2.8.5 of ADR.

7. The use of this model, which will in no way change the nature of the information included in the certificate, will enable France to reduce the production costs for economic operators, by “pooling” the certificates with those for drivers under ADR.

Follow-up

8. The Safety Committee is invited to note paragraphs 2 to 7 above and take action as appropriate.
