

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)
Thirty-seventh session
Geneva, 25-29 January 2021

Decisions submitted to silence procedure following the formal session of WP.15/AC.2 with remote participation

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1	https://unece.org/transport/events/wp15ac2-joint-meeting-experts-regulations-annexed-european-agreement-concerning-3	The provisional agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/75/Rev.1 and -/Add.1/Rev.1) were adopted as amended by informal document INF.1 to take account of informal documents INF.1 to INF.28.
2	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Safety Committee re-elected Mr. H. Langenberg (Netherlands) as chair and Mr. B. Birkhuber (Austria) as vice-chair, for its sessions in 2021.
4.(c)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	Recognizing the need to clarify the interpretation of the rules on the construction of type G tank vessels for the transport of LPG not equipped in Zone 0 with pumps covered by an ATEX approval. The representative of the Recommended ADN Classification Societies clarified that the approval was granted in 2019 according to the ADN regulations in force at the time of approval. The Safety Committee decided to continue discussion on the subject at its next session based on the feedback of the informal working group of Recommended ADN Classification Societies.
4.(c)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Safety Committee endorsed the position of France on the possible recognition of marine certificates for gas or chemical tankers issued under the STCW as equivalent only to certificates of special knowledge for experts under 8.2.1.5 and 8.2.1.7. of ADN. The Safety Committee agreed that there is no need to clarify or amend the ADN in this respect.
4.(c)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Safety Committee clarified that, contrary to the regulations annexed to the ADN, interpretations are considered as recommendations on issues discussed during the sessions and are meant to guide the competent authorities in their decisions on specific questions. It was also clarified that interpretation issues resulting in a subsequent amendment to the ADN regulations are in principle not published. In the case of interpretations which do not require an amendment to the ADN, the Safety Committee may consider publishing in some cases its interpretations on the UNECE website, subject to a specific decision.

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4.(c)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	<p>The Safety Committee agreed on the need to amend the transitional provision in 8.1.2.3 (u) and requested EBU/ESO to submit for the next session an official document clarifying the application of the transitional provisions for carrying documents (tank barges).</p>
4.(c)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	<p>The Safety Committee agreed that there is no need to supplement the vessels substance list with additional stability criteria for particular substances as the stability calculator is commonly used.</p>
4.(c)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	<p>On the use of cofferdams as ballast tank according ADN 7.2.3.20, the Safety Committee confirmed that up to date the cofferdam are commonly considered in the stability programs and calculations. The representative of EBU/ESO volunteered to prepare a proposal of amendments for the next session taking into account the historical reasons and all aspects of the use of cofferdam as ballast tank on the vessel stability and safety.</p>
4.(d)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	<p>The Safety Committee took note of the outcome of the virtual meeting of the informal working group on the training of experts and concluded the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) on multilateral agreement M027: The Safety Committee recalled its decision on the need to extend the multilateral agreements due to the ongoing situation of the COVID-19 pandemic; (b) on the possibility to organize refresher and specialization courses in a virtual or hybrid form: The Safety Committee agreed that a decision on this issue is premature and should be considered carefully as it would have a long-term impact; (c) on all other questions: The Safety Committee agreed to resume discussion on the remaining issues at its next session.
4.(d)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	<p>As the work of the informal working group on the training of experts was delayed due to COVID-19 measures, the Safety Committee adopted on exceptional basis the proposed updates (only available in French and German) of the catalogue of questions 2021 on the basis of informal documents INF.9, INF.10 and INF.11. The English and Russian versions would be submitted for translation and be published with delay. The representative of the Russian Federation endorsed that procedure.</p>

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5.(a)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	<p>The Safety Committee adopted the proposed consequential amendment to ADN for the entry into force on 1 January 2023, subject to the adoption by the Safety Committee of the original amendment adopted by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting that will be submitted to the Safety Committee at its January 2022 session.</p>
5.(b)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	<p>On the installation of fire-extinguisher on board of push only barges (not motorized), the Safety Committee adopted the amendments proposed in paragraph 7 of ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2020/24 with additional changes. The Safety Committee endorsed the interpretation of the word “space” used in 9.3.x.40.1 to mean “enclosed spaces or the deck areas located fore and aft of the cargo area, but not the entire deck”.</p>
5.(b)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	<p>The Safety Committee adopted the proposed amendments to 9.3.3.12.8 of ADN (document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2020/28).</p>
5.(b)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	<p>On spring-loaded low-pressure valve, the Safety Committee considered documents ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2020/36 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2021/3 and noted the supporting informal document INF.25. The Safety Committee agreed that the installation of low-pressure valves or additional vacuum valves is not a mandatory requirement. The representative of Germany underlined the need to clarify the provisions on degassing of vessels at the reception facilities. The Safety Committee agreed to have a final review of the proposals its next session.</p>
5.(b)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	<p>On Loading and unloading instructions, the representative of FuelsEurope raised concerns on the determination of the vapour density e.g. in the case of loading of complex mixtures. The Safety Committee clarified that in general data on the vapor density is provided by the consignor or is available in the safety data sheet. The Safety Committee agreed to set up an informal working group to further develop the proposed amendments and to submit a new proposal to the next session.</p>
5.(b)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	<p>On the addition to 1.16.1.4.2 of the date of application of transitional provisions and consequential amendments, the Safety Committee adopted the proposed amendments as amended.</p>

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5.(b)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Safety Committee agreed with the proposed amendments to the definitions in 1.2.1. As the amendments relate to common texts in RID/ADR/ADN, the Safety Committee requested the secretariat to submit the amendments for consideration at the next session of the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15/AC.1).
5.(b)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Safety Committee adopted the amendments proposed to Table A in 3.2.1 of ADN for UN Nos. 1408, 1694, 1950, 3206 and 3408. The informal working group on substances was requested to verify all existing entries for which no packing group is assigned but still require the use of blue cones. It was decided to postpone the adoption of the proposal amendments for UN Nos. 3473 and 3540 until such verification is conducted.
5.(b)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	On the prohibition of mixed loading, examples of stowage and segregation of containers in 7.1.4.4.4 of ADN, the Safety Committee agreed on the short option for the amendment proposed for letter Z and adopted the proposal as amended, including an adapted wording for letter R.
5.(b)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	On the entries in Tables A and C of ADN for UN No. 1010 BUTADIENES, the Safety Committee adopted the amendments proposed in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2021/8, as amended.
5.(b)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Safety Committee adopted the proposed changes in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2021/9 to 8.1.2.9.
5.(b)	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Safety Committee adopted the proposed corrections in informal document INF.8.
8	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	As a follow-up of the discussions of ITC and WP.15, the Safety Committee considered the options for the draft rules of procedures for the ADN Safety Committee. It was agreed to go forward with the first option to set up proper rules of procedures for the Safety Committee and to establish a correspondence group to further develop a proposal for consideration at the next session.
9	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Safety Committee adopted provisionally the draft proposals of amendments to the regulations annexed to the ADN Agreement contained in the annexes I, II and III.
9	http://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/ECE-TRANS-WP15-AC2-76e%20draft%20for%20silence%20procedure.pdf	The Safety Committee adopted provisionally the report on its thirty-seventh session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

