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Item 4 (b) of the provisional agenda

**Proposals for amendments to the regulations annexed to the ADN:  
other proposals****Certificate of approval for dry cargo vessels****Submitted by the governments of Belgium and the Netherlands\* \*\***

<b>Executive summary:</b>	The document aims introducing amendments in the ADN to clarify the certificate or approval for dry cargo vessels, specifically for vessels referred to in 7.1.2.19.1.
<b>Action to be taken:</b>	The Safety Committee is requested in paragraph 8 to adopt the proposed amendments

**Introduction**

1. Where at least one vessel of a convoy or side-by-side formation is required to be in possession of a certificate of approval for the carriage of dangerous goods, all vessels of such convoy or side-by side formation shall be provided with an appropriate certificate of approval. Vessels not carrying dangerous goods shall comply with the requirements of the paragraphs referred to in 7.1.2.19.1 only.
2. These vessels receive a certificate of approval conforming 8.6.1.1, with reference to 7.1.2.19.1 under item 4 of the certificate to indicate that these vessels shall not carry dangerous goods, but are allowed to be part of a convoy or a side-by-side formation in which vessels are present that transport dangerous goods.

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3. The model of the certificate of approval also contains the text “The vessel is approved for the carriage of dangerous goods based on” in item 8. Under this text the relevant inspection date or the date of the report of the inspection is reflected.

4. The text in item 8 of the model of the certificate of approval for dry cargo vessels could be misinterpreted to mean that vessels with a reference to 7.1.2.19.1 could be allowed to transport dangerous goods.

5. The Belgian and Dutch delegations are of the opinion that vessels are allowed to carry dangerous goods exclusively based on their compliance with relevant requirements in ADN. Vessels only complying with the requirements of the paragraphs referred to in 7.1.2.19.1 are thus not allowed to carry dangerous goods. Enforcing services have determined that ship owners or operators misuse the wording in the certificate, whether intentionally or unintentionally. Nevertheless, the model for the certificate of approval could be amended to reflect that some vessels with a certificate are not allowed to carry dangerous goods and are only allowed to be part of a convoy or a side-by-side formation.

**Proposed amendment**

6. Therefore, the following amendment is proposed to item 8 in 8.6.1.1. of ADN. Proposed amendments are bold and underlined, deleted text is stricken through:

"8.6.1.1 Certificate of approval

8. The vessel is **approved based on**/approved for the carriage of dangerous goods based on <sup>1</sup>:
- Inspection on <sup>1</sup> .....(date).....
  - The inspection report of a recognized classification society <sup>1</sup>  
 (name of the classification society) .....(date).....
  - The inspection report of a recognized inspection body <sup>1</sup>  
 (name of the inspection body) ..... (date)....."

**Consequential amendment**

7. The Belgian and Dutch delegations propose one consequential amendment: to add a transitional provision for the changes to the certificate of approval to take into account the currently proposed changes as follows:

"1.6.7.2.1.1

<b><u>8.6.1.1</u></b>	<b><u>Changes to certificate of approval, number 8</u></b>	<b><u>N.R.M.</u></b> <b><u>Renewal of the certificate of approval after 31 December 2022</u></b>
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**Action to be taken**

8. The Belgian and Dutch delegations request the ADN Safety Committee to consider the amendments proposed in paragraphs 6 and 7 above and to take action as it deems appropriate.

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