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**Proposals for amendments to the regulations annexed to the ADN:
other proposals**

Certificate of approval for dry cargo vessels

Related document: document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2021/27

Transmitted by the Government of the Netherlands**Introduction**

1. During the thirty-seventh session of the ADN Safety Committee a document concerning the certificate of approval for dry cargo vessels from the governments of Belgium and the Netherlands was discussed.
2. According to 7.1.2.19.1, where at least one vessel of a convoy, or a side-by-side conformation 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 conformation shall be provided with an appropriate certificate of approval. However, vessels not carrying dangerous goods have the option to comply to a small subset of ADN provisions only.
3. Such dry cargo vessels receive a certificate of approval which is marked under 8.6.1.1, number 4, additional requirements as a vessels referred to in 7.1.2.19.1, to make clear that the carriage of dangerous goods is not allowed. The wording under 8.6.1.1, number 8, could be misinterpreted that carrying of dangerous goods is allowed on vessels conforming only to the small subset of provisions listed in 7.1.2.19.1. The proposal in document 2021/27 aimed to amend 8.6.1.1, number 8, so as to avoid future potential misunderstandings. However, several alternatives to the proposal were mentioned over the microphone and the committee requested the Dutch delegation to come back to the issue with an informal document to base further discussions on.
3. One of the suggestions that was mentioned, and received broad support, was the option to amend the wording under point 8 of the certificate in such a way that it was applicable without the need to strike through certain text for vessels that are not allowed to carry dangerous goods.
4. This can only be done when the Safety Committee agrees that it is clear that if a referral under 8.6.1.1., number 4, to vessels referred to in 7.1.2.19.1 is made, such a vessel is not allowed to carry dangerous goods itself, it is only allowed to be part of a convoy or side-by-side conformation in which other vessels carry dangerous goods.

Proposed amendments

5. Therefore we propose the following amendments. Proposed amendments are **bold and underlined**, ~~deleted text is stricken through~~:

1.6.7.2.1.1 Table of general transitional provisions: Dry cargo

Insert the following new entry:

<u>8.6.1.1</u>	<u>Changes to certificate of approval, numbers 4 and 8</u>	<u>N.R.M. from 1. January 2023 Renewal of the certificate of approval after 31 December 2022</u>
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8.6.1.1 *Model for a certificate of approval for dry cargo vessels*

4. ~~Additional~~ Requirements

8.6.1.2 *Model for a provisional certificate of approval for dry cargo vessels*

4. ~~Additional~~ Requirements

Options for amendment of number 8 of 8.6.1.1

6. We offer the Safety Committee two options for amendment of number 8 of 8.6.1.1. Proposed amendments are **bold and underlined**, ~~deleted text is stricken through~~:

Option 1

8.6.1.1 *Model for a certificate of approval for dry cargo vessels*

8. The vessel is **approved based on:** ~~approved for the carriage of dangerous goods based on:~~
- Inspection on¹ (date).....
 - The inspection report of a recognized classification society ¹
(name of the classification society) (date).....
 - The inspection report of a recognized inspection body ¹
(name of the inspection body) (date).....

Option 2

8.6.1.1 *Model for a certificate of approval for dry cargo vessels*

8. ~~The vessel is approved for the carriage of dangerous goods based on~~ **This certificate is delivered on the basis of:**
- Inspection on¹ (date).....
 - The inspection report of a recognized classification society ¹
(name of the classification society) (date).....
 - The inspection report of a recognized inspection body ¹
(name of the inspection body) (date).....

Action to be taken

7. We requests the Safety Committee to discuss the considerations in paragraph 4, and the proposed amendments in paragraphs 5 and 6, and to take action as it deems appropriate.
