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Matters relating to the implementation of ADN: miscellaneous notifications

Training and examination of experts — Chapter 8.2 of ADN; notification to the Administrative Committee

Submitted by the Government of Germany*

1. The competent German authority for issuing the ADN specialized knowledge certificates, the Federal Waterways and Shipping Agency, is currently making the preparations necessary for switching over to issuing these certificates in the new card format. However, this switch is proving to be more complicated than expected in terms of the required technical equipment. The competent authority will not be able to procure the required equipment in good time before 1 January 2022.
2. For this reason, for a transitional period from 1 January 2022, the Federal Waterways and Shipping Agency will have to continue to issue the documents duly demonstrating special knowledge of the ADN conforming to the currently applicable model.
3. The following approach is envisaged. As from 1 January 2022, the Federal Waterways and Shipping Agency will issue ADN specialized knowledge certificates conforming to the model applicable until 31 December 2021 (in compliance with the transitional provision). It is solely due to the deviation from the requirements of form that the certificates will not be valid for five years but only until 31 December 2022. As soon as the technical requirements are met, the card format will be used, and the certificates issued with a limited validity will immediately be exchanged for certificates conforming to the current model. These certificates will then be valid for five years from the date the examination was passed or from the expiry date of the previous certificate as laid down in the Regulations annexed to ADN (8.2.2.8.3 of ADN).

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4. The competent authorities of other Contracting Parties may direct enquiries concerning the validity of certificates to the following body:

Generaldirektion Wasserstraßen und Schifffahrt
Brucknerstr. 2, 55127 Mainz, Germany
Email: zsuk@wsv.bund.de; Telefax: 0049 (0)228 7090 4224

5. Germany would like to ask the other Contracting Parties to not object to the certificates conforming to the former model between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022.
