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Economic Commission for Europe**Inland Transport Committee****Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods****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-ninth session**

Geneva, 24–28 January 2022

Item 8 of the provisional agenda

Any other business**Loading and unloading instructions — draft terms of reference for the informal working group****Transmitted by the Government of the Netherlands******Summary*

Executive Summary:	The draft terms of reference for the informal working group on Loading and unloading instructions have been established during a digital meeting
Action to be taken:	The Safety Committee is requested to consider the draft terms of reference and to take action as it deems appropriate
Related documents:	Informal document INF.12 of the thirty-fourth session; ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/70 (paragraphs 16-17); Informal document INF.9 of the thirty-fifth session; ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/72 (paragraphs 14-16); ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2020/37; ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/76 (paragraphs 71-72); ECE TRANS/WP15/AC.2/2021/26; ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/78 (paragraphs 35-36).

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Introduction

1. During the thirty-eighth session of the ADN Safety Committee, the proposal to introduce a harmonized format for the Loading and unloading instructions was discussed. The ADN Safety Committee decided to establish an informal working group on Loading and unloading instructions that could work on the basis of document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2021/26. During the discussion a first set of items for the draft terms of reference were established and the representative of the Netherlands volunteered to further develop these for consideration at the next session of the ADN Safety Committee.

2. On October 12, 2021 a meeting was held remotely to further develop the draft terms of reference, that initiated some preliminary discussions. The participants decided to propose the following draft terms of reference for the informal working group:

(a) Review on the current status of the Loading and unloading instructions in ADN;

(b) Review of 9.3.2.25.9 9.3.3.25.9 and 7.2.4.16.15 — the calculation of the permissible loading and unloading flows. In particular, point 3, the relevance of the density of the vapour mixture of the cargo based on 50 % volume vapour and 50 % volume air;

(c) Review whether the maximum loading and unloading rate should be part of the certificate of approval;

(d) Consider what should be part of a harmonized format for the Loading and unloading instructions;

(e) Consider the roles and responsibilities concerning the development of the Loading and unloading instructions (Class approval?);

(f) Prepare a harmonized format for the Loading and unloading instructions and develop consequential amendments to the regulations annexed to ADN.

3. During the preliminary discussions the participants noted a number of topics that need to be clarified during the work of the informal working group. Among these, of particular interest was the question whether the harmonized format for the Loading and unloading instructions needs to be reflected in the ADN, in a similar fashion as the ADN Checklist (8.6.3), or whether a general description suffices, in a similar fashion as the current situation regarding the Loading and unloading instructions. The participants noted that such a question could best be answered once the new format was developed.

4. If the ADN Safety Committee decides to endorse these draft terms of reference, the Dutch delegation would be happy to host a first meeting during the first or second week of April 2022.

Action to be taken

5. The Dutch delegation requests the ADN Safety Committee to consider the proposed draft terms of reference in paragraph 2 above and to take action as it deems appropriate.
