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## Report of the Administrative Committee of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways on its twenty-sixth session\*

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## I. Attendance

1. The Administrative Committee of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) held its twenty-sixth session in Geneva on 27 August 2021 with Mr. H. Langenberg (Netherlands) as Chair and Mr. B. Birkhuber (Austria) as Vice-Chair. Representatives of the following Contracting Parties took part in the work of the session: Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia and Switzerland.
2. The Administrative Committee noted that the representatives of Contracting Parties attending the session had been accredited and that the quorum of half the number of Contracting Parties required for taking decisions had been reached.
3. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 2 of ADN, and following a decision by the Committee (ECE/ADN/2, para. 8), a representative of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) also took part in the session as an observer.

## II. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)

*Documents:* ECE/ADN/57 and Add.1

4. The Administrative Committee adopted the agenda prepared by the secretariat.

## III. Status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (agenda item 2)

5. The Administrative Committee noted that the number of Contracting Parties remained at 18: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.

## IV. Matters relating to the implementation of ADN (agenda item 3)

### A. Classification societies

*Document:* ECE/ADN/2021/1 (Germany)

6. The Administrative Committee took note of the information provided by Germany in official document ECE/ADN/2021/1 which was made available on the UNECE website.
7. The Administrative Committee recalled that all Recommended ADN Classification Societies had to provide evidence, directly to the Administrative Committee, of their certification in accordance with standard EN ISO/IEC 17020:2012 (except clause 8.1.3).

### B. Special authorizations, derogations and equivalents

*Document:* ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2021/20 (Netherlands)

*Informal document:* INF.3 of the thirty-eighth session of the ADN Safety Committee (Netherlands)

8. Referring to the outcome of the discussion (see report ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/78, para. 14) of the Safety Committee on the request by the competent authority of the Netherlands to issue, in accordance with 1.5.2, a special authorization for the transport of UN No. 1288 Shale Oil in tank vessels, the Administrative Committee agreed to defer the

discussion on this subject to the next session in January 2022. The representative of the Netherlands volunteered to submit an updated request for consideration at that session.

9. It was recalled that the text of special authorizations, special agreements, derogations and equivalents, as well as their status, and of notifications, was available on the UNECE website at the following links: <https://unece.org/special-authorizations> and <https://unece.org/equivalences-and-derogations>.

### **C. Miscellaneous notifications**

*Informal document:* INF.1 (Netherlands)

10. The Administrative Committee took note of the examination statistics provided by the Netherlands.

11. Contracting Parties were reminded to send the secretariat their model expert certificates and ADN examination statistics if they have not already done so.

### **D. Other matters**

12. The Committee invited countries to check the contact information for their competent authorities and, if necessary, to recognise classification societies from the recommended list in accordance with 1.15.2.4 of the annexed Regulations if they had not already done so.

## **V. Work of the Safety Committee (agenda item 4)**

13. The Committee took note of the work of the Safety Committee as reflected in the report on its thirty-eighth session which it approved on the basis of the draft report prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2021/R.3 and Adds. 1-5 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2021/R.4 and Adds.1-2) adopted by the Safety Committee during the report reading (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/78).

14. The Committee decided to consider the proposed amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN for entry into force on 1 January 2023, as contained in annex I of ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/78/Add.1, along with all other draft amendments adopted in 2020 and 2021 that had not yet been approved by the Administrative Committee, as a package at its twenty-seventh session on 28 January 2022.

## **VI. Programme of work and calendar of meetings (agenda item 5)**

15. The Administrative Committee noted that its next session was scheduled to take place at 12.00 on 28 January 2022 and that the deadline for submission of documents for that meeting was 29 October 2021.

## **VII. Any other business (agenda item 6)**

16. No other business was discussed.

## **VIII. Adoption of the report (agenda item 7)**

17. The Administrative Committee adopted the report on its twenty-sixth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat and circulated to participants for approval after the session.