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### Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

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#### Interpretation of the Regulations annexed to ADN

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## Different lists of interpretations

### Transmitted by the Government of Germany

### Introduction

1. Apart from revision of existing provisions and the development of new provisions, as appropriate, the ADN Safety Committee is seen as the forum for ADN Contracting Parties to discuss common interpretations of existing provisions for submission to the ADN Administrative committee to ensure a consistent cross border application of the regulations annexed to ADN. (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/54, para. 17 to 20)

### Proposal

2. In its 19<sup>th</sup> session (August 2011) and 25<sup>th</sup> session (August 2014) the Safety Committee made a request to recommended ADN classification societies to maintain a list of any interpretations of ADN which they had agreed on, to be published on the UNECE website.

*“49. As concerns the interpretation of ADN in order to establish their classification rules, the Safety Committee asked the recommended ADN classification societies to regularly bring to its attention for information the interpretations they have all agreed on by consensus. If consensus has not been reached, they are invited to bring the problems to the attention of the Committee for arbitration. The UNECE secretariat will then be able to publish the interpretations on its website in an orderly manner.” (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/40)*

*“17. The Safety Committee reiterated its request that recommended ADN classification societies should maintain a list of any interpretations of ADN which they had agreed on (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/40, para. 49) which should be published on the UNECE website.” (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/52)*

3. For the time being, such a list of interpretations agreed on by Recommended Classification Societies cannot be found on the ECE website. Germany likes to invite the Safety Committee to recall and conform its previous request and to call on the Classifications Societies to set up such a list and to make it available for publishing as soon as possible.

4. Furthermore it was noticed, that in the reports of the sessions of ADN Safety Committee one can find many more interpretations than finally published in the list provided by the ECE Secretariat on its website.

5. Germany suggests to establish a clear and transparent procedure, how to confirm which interpretations by the Administrative Committee. For example, a dedicated and recurring agenda item for the Administrative Committee *“Confirmation of Interpretations*

*agreed on by the ADN Safety Committee”* could facilitate the work of the Secretariat to maintain the abovementioned list of interpretations.

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