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Other business

Reference in the Manual of Tests and Criteria to standard
ISO 2431:1984

Note by the secretariat*

Introduction

1. At the thirty-ninth session in January 2022 of the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN), the Safety Committee adopted a proposal to update some of the references to standards used in the Regulations annexed to ADN (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2022/4).

2. During the discussion, it was noticed that in the classification criteria in 2.2.3.1.5 of ADN (flow-time), a reference is made to the Manual of Tests and Criteria, Part III, subsection 32.4.3 which still refers to tests included in ISO 2431:1984.

3. At the same time, in 3.2.4.2 of ADN (2.12 – Flow time) the existing reference to ISO 2431:1996 will be updated to ISO 2431:2019, following the proposal in point 2(a) of document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2022/4, for entry into force on 1 January 2023.

Request

4. Noticing that possible discrepancies in the ADN requirements might arise due to the use of different versions of ISO 2431, the ADN Safety Committee requested the secretariat to notify the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods of the update to ISO 2431:2019 in 3.2.4.2 of ADN and to inquire whether an update of the reference to ISO 2431:1984 in the Manual of Tests and Criteria to ISO 2431:2019 was necessary (see paragraph 48 of report ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/80).

* A/75/6 (Sect.20), para. 20.51