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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-seventh 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-seventh session in Geneva on 28 January 2022. Representatives of the following Contracting Parties took part in the work of the session: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Romania and Slovakia.
2. The Administrative Committee noted that the representatives of Contracting Parties attending the session had been accredited and that the quorum of not less than half of the Contracting Parties required for the purpose of 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) took part in the session as observer.

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

*Document:* ECE/ADN/59 and Add.1

4. The Administrative Committee adopted the agenda prepared by the secretariat and noted the submission of informal documents INF.1 to INF.6.

## **III. Election of officers for 2022 (agenda item 2)**

5. On a proposal of the representative of France, Mr. H. Langenberg (Netherlands) was re-elected Chair and Mr. B. Birklhuber (Austria) was re-elected Vice-Chair for the sessions in 2022.

## **IV. Status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (agenda item 3)**

6. The Administrative Committee noted that the number of Contracting Parties to ADN remained at eighteen.

## **V. Matters relating to the implementation of ADN (agenda item 4)**

### **A. Classification societies**

7. The Administrative Committee noted that no further information on the Recommended Classification Societies was submitted and 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/ADN/2022/3

*Informal documents:* INF.2 (Netherlands)  
INF.4 (Netherlands)

8. The Administrative Committee considered document ECE/ADN/2022/3 and noted the additional information in informal documents INF.2 and INF.4. The Administrative

Committee acknowledged the outcome of discussion in the Safety Committee (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/80, paragraph 17) and its adoption of an amendment to the ADN to allow the carriage of UN 1288 SHALE OIL in tank vessels as from 1 January 2023.

9. It was recalled that the text of special authorizations, special agreements, derogations and equivalents, as well as their status, and of notifications, could be found on the secretariat's website at the following link: <https://unece.org/special-authorizations>.

### **C. Miscellaneous notifications**

*Document:* ECE/ADN/2022/2

*Informal documents:* INF.1 (Romania)  
INF.3 (France)  
INF.5 (Germany)  
INF.6 (Netherlands)

10. Examination statistics were provided by the governments of Romania (informal document INF.1), France (informal document INF.3), Germany (informal document INF.5) and the Netherlands (informal document INF.6). The Administrative Committee welcomed the documents and agreed to refer this information to the informal working group on the training of experts for further consideration.

11. The Administrative Committee remarked that examinations statistics were considered very useful and invited countries to submit them regularly.

12. The Administrative Committee noted the information provided by Germany in document ECE/ADN/2022/2 on their difficulties to deliver specialization course certificates according to the new format specified in Chapter 8.2 of ADN. Following an exchange of views on the implementation and enforcement of the ADN in the contracting parties, it was recommended to go forward with a multilateral agreement to be initiated by Germany. The ADN contracting parties were invited to countersign the new multilateral agreement, once circulated.

13. The Administrative Committee invited countries to check the contact information for their competent authority 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.

14. It was recalled that, according to 1.16.4.3 of the Regulations annexed to ADN, the Administrative Committee is expected to maintain an up-to-date list of the inspection bodies appointed. Information received so far is available on the secretariat's website at <https://unece.org/inspection-bodies>.

15. It was also recalled that model expert certificates received by the secretariat were available at: <https://unece.org/model-expert-certificates>.

16. Contracting Parties that have not yet done so, were reminded to send their model expert certificates and ADN examination statistics to the secretariat.

### **D. Other matters**

17. No other matters were raised under this item.

## **VI. Work of the Safety Committee (agenda item 5)**

*Document:* ECE/ADN/2022/1

18. The Administrative Committee took note of the work of the Safety Committee as reflected in the report on its thirty-ninth session held in Geneva from 24-28 January 2022 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/80 and Add.1). It noted that the Safety Committee had reviewed and checked all amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN it had proposed at its 2020

and 2021 sessions for entry into force on 1 January 2023 (as consolidated by the secretariat in document ECE/ADN/2022/1), had modified some of them, and had proposed new amendments and corrections to ADN 2021. The Committee adopted all these amendments and corrections, as listed in annexes I and II respectively, of the report of the Safety Committee. The secretariat was requested to take the necessary steps to communicate the corrections to Contracting Parties in accordance with the usual procedure, so that the texts could be rectified as soon as possible.

19. The Administrative Committee requested the secretariat to prepare a consolidated list of all the proposed amendments which it had adopted for entry into force on 1 January 2023 so that they could be made the subject of an official proposal to amend the ADN in accordance with the procedure set out in article 20. The notification would have to be issued no later than 1 July 2022, with a reference to 1 January 2023 as the scheduled date of entry into force.

20. It was noted that at its fortieth session, the Safety Committee would only consider for adoption and entry into force on 1 January 2023, amendments and corrections to already adopted texts that would be necessary to ensure harmonization between ADR, RID and ADN, following the decisions taken by the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods at its spring session in March 2022 and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods at its 111th session in May 2022.

21. The Administrative Committee invited the UNECE and CCNR secretariats to continue to cooperate to ensure consistency of all linguistic versions of ADN 2023. It also requested the UNECE secretariat to prepare the consolidated text of ADN as modified on 1 January 2023 as a United Nations publication and to make it available in advance of that date so that countries could organize themselves to implement the new provisions.

22. The Administrative Committee welcomed the adoption by the Safety Committee of its Rules of Procedures based on document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2022/12.

## **VII. Programme of work and calendar of meetings (agenda item 6)**

23. The Administrative Committee noted that its next session was scheduled to take place at 12.00 on 26 August 2022 and that the deadline for submission of documents was 30 May 2022.

## **VIII. Any other business (agenda item 7)**

24. Upon the request for advice from Germany, the Administrative Committee recommended to initiate an extension of the multilateral agreement M029 on safety adviser certificates in accordance with 1.8.3.7 of ADN.

## **IX. Adoption of the report (agenda item 8)**

25. The Administrative Committee adopted the report on its twenty-seventh session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat and sent to delegations for approval by e-mail after the session.