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**Inland Transport Committee**

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**Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**

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Item 4 (a) of the provisional agenda

**Proposals for amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN: work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting**

**ECE/ADN/61 — Correction of a previous decision**

**Submitted by the Government of Germany**

**Introduction**

1. In accordance with document ECE/ADN/61, the tables in 9.3.1.0.4, 9.3.2.0.4 and 9.3.3.0.4 on construction materials permitted to be used for the vessels, will be replaced by new tables with effect from 1 January 2023.
2. The new tables include, among other things, the following line, which contains a reference to a footnote:

Photo-optical copies of the certificate of approval according to 8.1.2.6 or 8.1.2.7, and of the vessel's certificate, the measurement certificate and other applicable documents <sup>1</sup>		X	X		
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<sup>1</sup> *The Rhine or Danube navigation membership certificate.*

3. The German delegation found that there is no "Danube navigation membership certificate".

**Proposal**

4. Germany proposes that the entry in the first column in document ECE/ADN/61 is changed back to the wording applicable as from 1 January 2021:

"Photo-optical copies of the certificate of approval according to 8.1.2.6 or 8.1.2.7, and of the vessel's certificate, the measurement certificate and the Rhine navigation membership certificate".

5. According to the German "Duden" dictionary, there is no adjective "fotooptisch" (photo-optical). The noun "Fotooptik" (photo-optics) only appears in the dictionary in the context of cameras. Otherwise, the adjective is known from "fotooptischen Rauchmeldern" (photo-optical smoke detectors).

6. Germany would like to ask the Safety Committee to further examine whether the adjective "fotooptisch" (photo-optical), and the associated, possibly obsolete copying technology, is still in use today and would like to ask the Safety Committee to deliberate on what other, up-to-date adjective could be used instead.

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