The European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) done at Geneva on 26 May 2000 under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) entered into force on 28 February 2008. The Regulations annexed to the Agreement became applicable twelve months after the entry into force of the Agreement, namely on 28 February 2009.

At the time of the preparation of the present publication, the Agreement had eighteen Contracting Parties: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.

The Regulations annexed to the ADN contain provisions concerning dangerous substances and articles, provisions concerning their carriage on board inland navigation vessels or tank vessels, as well as provisions concerning the construction and operation of such vessels. They also address requirements and procedures for inspections, the issue of certificates of approval, recognition of classification societies, monitoring, and training and examination of experts.