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| **Economic Commission for Europe**Inland Transport Committee**Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods****Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to theEuropean Agreement concerning the International Carriageof Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)(ADN Safety Committee)****Forty-first session**Geneva, 24-27 January 2023Item 1 of the provisional agenda**Adoption of the agenda**other proposals Definition of “Inspection body” Transmitted by the Governments of France, Germany and The Netherlands

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|  *Summary* | The co-sponsors propose amendments to the Annexed Regulations to ADN in order to clarify the definition of “Inspection body”. |
| **Executive summary:** | The comparison between the different linguistic versions of ADN, and between ADN and RID / ADR shows inconstancies regarding the notion of “Inspection body”. This current document tries to define this notion consistently between the linguistic versions and with RID / ADR. |
| **Action to be taken:** | See paragraph 9. |
| **Related documents:** | ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2022/25ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/82 (paragraph 34) |
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 Introduction1. At the fortieth session of the Safety Committee, France, Germany and The Netherlands volunteered to prepare a comprehensive proposal related the clarification of the definition of “Inspection body”.2. The discussions between these three delegations showed that:* Some additional issued raised; and
* It could be helpful to compare these definitions with those included in RID / ADR

3. This informal document proposes possible solutions to these different issues. | 20 January 2023English |

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 Addendum

 To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
from **Tuesday 24 January 2023, 10 a.m. to Friday 27 January 2023, 12.00 p.m**.

 List of documents by agenda item and annotations

 1. Adoption of the agenda

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| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/83 (Secretariat) | Revised provisional agenda |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/83/Add.1 (Secretariat) | Revised list of documents by agenda item and annotations |
| **Background documents** |  |
| ECE/TRANS/325, Vols. I and II | ADN 2023 (consolidated text) |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/82 | Report of the ADN Safety Committee on its fortieth session |

 2. Election of officers

The Safety Committee is expected to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for its sessions in 2023.

 3. Matters arising from the work of United Nations bodies or other organizations

The Safety Committee may wish to be informed of the activities of other bodies and organizations which have a bearing on its work.

 4. Implementation of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)

 (a) Status of ADN

Proposed amendments contained in ECE/ADN/61 were communicated to Contracting Parties on 1 July 2022 for acceptance (C.N.158.2022.TREATIES-XI-D-6) and were deemed accepted on 1 October 2022 for entry into force on 1 January 2023 (C.N.325.2022.TREATIES-XI-D-6).

Proposed amendments contained in ECE/ADN/61/Add.1 were communicated to Contracting Parties on 1 September 2022 for acceptance under depositary notification C.N.272.2022.TREATIES-XI-D-6. Unless a sufficient number of objections was received by 1 December 2022, they would be deemed to be accepted for entry into force on 1 January 2023.

Proposed corrections contained in ECE/ADN/61/Corr.1 and proposed corrections contained in annex IV of the report of the ADN Safety Committee on its fortieth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/82) were communicated to Contracting Parties on 1 October 2022 for acceptance (C.N.292.2022.TREATIES-XI-D-6 and C.N.293.2022.TREATIES-XI-D-6). Unless a sufficient number of objections was received by 30 December 2022, they would be deemed to be accepted on 1 January 2023.

The number of Contracting Parties remained at 18.

 (b) Special authorizations, derogations and equivalents

Any proposal for special authorizations or derogations received by the secretariat after the issuance of the present provisional agenda will be issued in informal documents.

 (c) Interpretation of the Regulations annexed to ADN

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| Informal document INF.12 (Netherlands) | Discussion on Cargo transfer operations into another vessel |

The Safety Committee is invited to discuss the interpretation of any provisions of the Regulations annexed to ADN which are considered to be ambiguous or unclear.

 (d) Training of experts

 The Safety Committee may wish to consider the report on the twenty-third meeting of the informal working group on the training of experts (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2023/3) and versions of the catalogue of questions updated to take account of ADN 2023 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2023/10, 11 and 12). An updated version of the Directive on the use of the catalogue of questions appears in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2023/4. Also, a new proposal for updating the work schedule of the informal working group "Training of experts" is presented in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2023/2.

It is recalled that Contracting Parties are invited to submit their model expert certificates to the UNECE secretariat so that the secretariat can make them available on the website. Countries are also invited to share their statistics on examinations.

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| Informal document INF.2 (CCNR) | Summary document for the "General" catalogue of questions |
| Informal document INF.3 (CCNR) | Summary document for the catalogue of questions "Chemicals" |
| Informal document INF.4 (CCNR) | Summary document for the catalogue of questions "Gas" |
| Informal document INF.8 (CCNR) | Report on the twenty-fourth meeting of the informal working group on the training of experts |

 (e) Matters related to classification societies.

The Safety Committee may wish to consider any other matters related to classification societies.

 5. Proposals for amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN

 (a) Work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting

The Safety Committee may wish to consider the report of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting on its autumn 2022 session (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/166).

The Safety Committee is also invited to consider the report of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods at its 112th session (8-11 November 2022) (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/260).

 (b) Other proposals

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| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2023/1 (Germany) | Proposals of amendments from the informal working group on Substances |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2023/5 (Belgium and Luxembourg) and informal document INF.22 (ADN Recommended Classification Societies) | Approval of classification societies - Proposal to amend Chapter 1.15 (section 1.15.3) of the Regulations annexed to the ADN |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2023/6 (EBU and ESO) | Transport of Carbon Dioxide (CO2), refrigerated, liquid |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2023/7 (Recommended ADN Classification Societies) | Transitional provision of paragraph 9.3.X.40.2 |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2023/8 (Belgium and the Netherlands) | Proposal for a new entry in Table C for UN No. 1977, NITROGEN, REFRIGERATED, LIQUID |
| ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2023/9 (EBU and ESO) | Alternative propulsion systems/fuels in inland navigation: identifying necessary adjustments in the ADN |
| Informal document INF.5 (France, Germany and the Netherlands) | Definition of "Inspection body" |
| Informal document INF.6 (Germany) | Opening of openings |
| Informal document INF.7 (Austria) | Discussion of the impact of increased collision energies on the rules for construction of tank vessels |
| Informal document INF.9 (CCNR) | In 1.2.1 "Definitions", correction of the footnote relative to the "IECEx-System" |
| Informal document INF.11(Netherlands) | ADN Checklist |
| Informal document INF.13(Austria) | Discussion paper on the Regulation annexed to ADN |
| Informal document INF.14(EBU/ESO) | Correcting a non-existing reference in special provisions for wastes |
| Informal document INF.15(EBU/ESO) | Proposal regarding inconsistency in two comparable positions UN 3295 |
| Informal document INF.16(Secretariat) | Miscellaneous amendments and corrections |
| Informal document INF.17(FuelsEurope) | The reclassification of UN 1918, ISOPROPYLBENZENE (cumene) and substances containing cumene at or above 0.1% |
| Informal document INF.18(EBU/ESO) | Gas return pipe – Exemption permissions |
| Informal document INF.19(EBU/ESO) | Maximum contents of cargo samples on board of supply vessels or "other vessels delivering products for the operation of vessels" |
| Informal document INF.20(EBU/ESO) | Not empty loading arms/hoses |

 6. Reports of informal working groups

Reports of informal working groups received after the issuance of the present annotated agenda will be presented in informal documents.

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| Informal document INF.10 (Germany) | Correspondence group on fumigated cargo. State of discussions |

 7. Programme of work and calendar of meetings

The twenty-ninth session of the ADN Administrative Committee will take place on 27 January 2023 starting at 12.00.

The forty-second session of the ADN Safety Committee is scheduled to be held in Geneva from 21-25 August 2023. The thirtieth session of the ADN Administrative Committee is scheduled to take place on 25 August 2023. The deadline for the submission of documents for those meetings is 26 May 2023.

 8. Any other business

 (a) Sustainable development and climate change

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| Informal document INF.21 (Secretariat) | Workshop on sustainable development and climate change from the perspective of the transport of dangerous goods on inland waterways |

 9. Adoption of the report

The Safety Committee may wish to adopt the report on its forty-first session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

1. \* Distributed in German by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine under the symbol CCNR/ZKR/WP.15/AC.2/83/Add.1 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)