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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-eighth session in Geneva on 26 August 2022.
2. Representatives of the following Contracting Parties took part in the work of the session: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Switzerland.
3. 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.
4. 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)

Documents: ECE/ADN/62 and Add.1

5. The Administrative Committee adopted the agenda prepared by the secretariat.

III. Status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (agenda item 2)

6. The Administrative Committee noted that the number of Contracting Parties to ADN remained at 18: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.
7. The Committee also noted that the proposed amendments adopted by the Administrative Committee at its last session (ECE/ADN/61) had been communicated to the Contracting Parties on 1 July 2022 for acceptance under depositary notification C.N.158.2022.TREATIES-XI.D.6. Unless a sufficient number of objections was received by 1 October 2022, they would be deemed to be accepted for entry into force on 1 January 2023.

IV. Matters relating to the implementation of ADN (agenda item 3)

A. Classification societies

Informal document: INF.3 (Luxembourg)

8. The Administrative Committee took note of the information provided by Luxembourg in informal document INF.3 which were also available on the UNECE website.
9. 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.

10. It was noted that the lists of recommended and recognised classification societies were available on the secretariat's website at the following address: <https://unece.org/classification-societies>.

B. Special authorizations, derogations and equivalents

Document: ECE/ADN/2022/4 (Belgium)

11. The Administrative Committee considered document ECE/ADN/2022/4 on a special authorization for the carriage of UN 1977 NITROGEN, REFRIGERATED, LIQUID in tank vessels on inland waterways in Belgium and the Netherlands. The Administrative Committee acknowledged the outcome of the discussion in the Safety Committee (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/82, paragraphs 10-12) and its further consideration at the next session of amendments to the regulations annexed to ADN to allow the transport of UN No. 1977.

12. 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

1. Examination statistics

Informal documents: INF.2 (Romania)
INF.5 (Slovakia)

13. Examination statistics were provided by the governments of Romania (informal document INF.2) and Slovakia (informal document INF.5). 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.

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

2. Model expert certificates

Informal documents: INF.1 (Romania)
INF.4 (France)
INF.6 (Slovakia)

15. The Administrative Committee took note of the information provided by the governments of Romania (informal document INF.1), France (informal document INF.4) and Slovakia (informal document INF.6).

16. It was recalled that model expert certificates received by the secretariat were available on the UNECE website at: <https://unece.org/model-expert-certificates>.

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

18. 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.

19. 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>.

20. Following an exchange of views on whether security features in expert certificates should be exchanged among Contracting Parties to facilitate enforcement, the Administrative Committee agreed to further discuss, at its next session, how to facilitate this exchange.

21. It was also mentioned that expert certificates were not in the scope of the informal working group on certificates and other shipboard documents in an electronic format, but they could be introduced in the list of documents that could be dematerialized in the future.

D. Other matters

22. No other matters were raised under this item.

V. Work of the Safety Committee (agenda item 4)

23. The Administrative Committee took note of the work of the Safety Committee as reflected in the report on its fortieth session ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/82 and adopted:

(a) Proposed amendments for the purpose of bringing the Regulations annexed to ADN in line with the amended versions of ADR and RID that should be applicable as of 1 January 2023 (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/82, annex I). The secretariat was requested to publish them as an addendum to document ECE/ADN/61 (ECE/ADN/61/Add.1) and to ensure their communication to Contracting Parties no later than 1 September 2022 in accordance with the procedure outlined in article 20, paragraph 5 (a) of ADN, so that they could enter into force on 1 January 2023, i.e. one month after acceptance by Contracting Parties;

(b) All proposed corrections to the previously notified amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN (ECE/ADN/61) (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/82, annex II). As these corrections are subject to the acceptance of the amendments listed in ECE/ADN/61, the secretariat was requested to publish them as a corrigendum to document ECE/ADN/61 (ECE/ADN/61/Corr.1) and to arrange for their communication to Contracting Parties on 1 October 2022 (expected date of acceptance of the amendments) for acceptance in accordance with the usual procedure for corrections so that they could become effective at the latest by 1 January 2023; and

(c) All proposed corrections to the Regulations annexed to ADN, as listed in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/82, annex IV. The secretariat was requested to arrange for their communication no later than 1 October 2022 to Contracting Parties for acceptance in accordance with the usual procedure for corrections so that they could become effective at the latest by 1 January 2023.

(d) All proposed corrections to the ADN 2021 publication (ECE/TRANS/301) not requiring acceptance by Contracting Parties (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/82, annex V).

24. The Committee noted that the ADN Safety Committee had also adopted amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN for entry into force on 1 January 2025 (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/82, annex III). Since additional amendments were expected to be adopted by the Safety Committee at its future sessions for entry into force on 1 January 2025, the Committee decided to consider them at a later stage.

VI. Programme of work and calendar of meetings (agenda item 5)

25. The Administrative Committee decided to hold its next session on 27 January 2023 in the format of an in-person meeting and noted that the deadline for submission of documents was 28 October 2022.

VII. Any other business (agenda item 6)

A. 2023 edition of the ADN

26. The Committee requested the secretariat to take account of all corrections and the relevant amendments adopted at the session in the new consolidated "2023" edition of ADN which was being prepared.

VIII. Adoption of the report (agenda item 7)

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