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by Inland Waterways (ADN) (ADN Safety Committee)**

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**Implementation of the European Agreement concerning the
International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN):
Training of experts**

Proposal for dealing with substantive questions during ADN Safety Committee sessions

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Rhine (CCNR)*, ****

Introduction

1. At its last meeting, the informal working group on the training of experts worked on substantive questions that had last been examined by the ADN Safety Committee in 2011. (See documents ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2011/4–18 and the report of the meeting of the informal working group on the training of experts in document CCNR-ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2023/20).

2. Due to the limited number of possible questions, it was agreed that those documents would remain confidential. Given that the substantive questions are not generally circulated, the informal working group invited the ADN Safety Committee to consider how it could consider them regularly while maintaining their confidentiality.

I. Background

3. At its last meeting, the informal working group on the training of experts decided to proceed with the final consideration of the substantive questions at its next meeting, to be held in March 2024. The following documents are concerned:

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** A/77/6 (Sect. 20), table 20.6.



ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2011/4: Substantive questions – Gas

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2011/5: Answers to substantive questions – Gas (A and B)

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2011/6: Answers to substantive questions – Gas (C, D and E)

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2011/7: Substantive questions – Chemicals

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2011/8 to 17: Answers to substantive questions – Chemicals

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2011/18: Examples of substantive questions

For technical reasons, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) has divided the original 2011 German document “Answers to substantive questions – Chemicals” into several documents (8 to 17).

4. Due to the time needed for the review and the consequences of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, it has only been possible to begin the review now.

5. For the reason mentioned above, it is very important to keep the documents confidential. In 2011, the documents were not posted on the ECE website, but there was a note that they could be obtained on request from the ECE secretariat.

6. The ADN Safety Committee could therefore consider to what extent, and how, the documents should be published on the ECE website, who, in principle, should have access to them on request and who should receive them by e-mail.

II. Proposal

7. A reference to the documents will be published on the ECE website, as was the case in 2011. It could also be indicated that the German version is available from the CCNR secretariat.

8. Access to the documents will be granted to heads of delegation identified as such in the reports of the ADN Safety Committee meetings and to the members of the informal working group on the training of experts.

9. In preparation for the ADN Safety Committee meeting, the documents will be sent by e-mail to heads of delegation, but not to observers (see also art. 17, para. 2, of the ADN agreement).

10. When the documents are distributed, it should be explicitly pointed out that they are confidential and that therefore, within delegations, they should only be accessible to the experts directly responsible for dealing with them.
