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Working methods of the informal working group on the Training of experts

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1.   The development and regular updating of the catalogue of questions as well as the ADN Administrative Committee's guideline on the use of the catalogue of questions for the examination of ADN experts (Chapter 8.2 ADN) are important foundations for the training of ADN experts at a high level. The primary objective of the informal working group on the training of experts is to ensure that the catalogue of questions and the guideline are in line with the current version of the regulations annexed to the ADN and are geared towards its training objectives.

2.   The informal working group contributes to the quality assurance of the training of experts within the framework of the ADN through an exchange of experiences between contracting parties and with suggestions for improvement.

3.   The informal working group works on the tasks assigned to it by the ADN Safety Committee.

4.   It advises on questions of interpretation and enforcement of Chapter 8.2 of ADN that have become known and draws up proposals for amendments for the ADN Safety Committee on the development of regulations relating to the training of experts. The delegations can submit proposals directly to the informal working group, which must be confirmed by the ADN Safety Committee at the following meeting.

5.   One to two meetings per year are planned for the accomplishment of the work, in March of odd-numbered years to prepare the adaptation of the catalogue of questions to the amendments currently being prepared to the regulations annexed to the ADN and the addition of missing topics and to discuss the consequences of changes to the regulations for the training of experts; in March of even-numbered years in order to adapt the catalogue of questions and the training of experts to the version of the regulations annexed to the ADN that comes into force in the following year and to submit it to the ADN Safety Committee for a decision at its August session. Any follow-up work required as a result of this decision could be completed in September.

6.   Apprentice training providers as well as training and examination organisers are involved in the processing of the catalogue of questions and the discussions of questions on the training of experts. They have the opportunity to propose questions for inclusion in the catalogue of questions and amendments to the regulations annexed to the ADN. They are also asked to critically examine the questions and proposed amendments to the ADN for their suitability and feasibility. Questions in the catalogue of questions that are difficult to understand or unclear should be reported to the ADN Safety Committee, which will commission the informal working group to examine them accordingly.

7.   The ADN Administrative Committee's catalogue of questions is the binding basis for the examinations to be carried out by the contracting parties to certify the special knowledge of the ADN. It is made available to the delegations of the ADN Safety Committee for

forwarding to the competent authorities, training centres and examination centres. Approximately 50 multiple-choice questions per year are expected to be processed (new or revised questions) in the course of ongoing adjustments. This will result in around 20 pages of text, which will need to be translated accordingly. The language versions must be updated as quickly as possible. The CCNR agrees to provide the translation of 20 pages of text (multiple-choice questions) from German into a UNECE language in addition to the general support provided by the UNECE for processing the rest of the languages as well as the ADN.

8.   The substantive questions will probably have to be checked over the next two years to ensure that they are up to date.

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