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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS ANNEXED TO ADN

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Background

During the questionnaire meeting which was held in December 2008 in Strasbourg at the CCNR the experts of delegations present found a discrepancy regarding the instructions in writing. In the proposed text for ADN 2009 the following is stated in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/26/Add.1.

5.4.3.1 As an aid during an accident emergency situation that may occur or arise during carriage, instructions in writing in the form specified in 5.4.3.4 shall be carried in the wheelhouse and shall be readily available.

5.4.3.2 These instructions shall be provided by the carrier to the master in the language(s) that the master and the expert can read and understand before the commencement of the journey. The master shall ensure that each member of the crew concerned understands and is capable of carrying out the instructions properly.

5.4.3.3 Before the start of the journey, the members of the crew shall inform themselves of the dangerous goods loaded and consult the instructions in writing for details on actions to be taken in the event of an accident or emergency.

The text that was not amended states:

8.1.2.4 The instructions in writing referred to in 5.4.3 shall be handed to the master before loading. They shall be kept readily at hand in the wheelhouse.

On board dry cargo vessels, the transport documents shall be handed to the master before loading and on board tank vessels they shall be handed to him after loading.

Proposal:

8.1.2.4 The instructions in writing referred to in 5.4.3 shall be handed to the master before loading. They shall be kept readily available in the wheelhouse.

Delete the sentence "On board.....after loading." since this is stated in 5.4.3.3.

Justification:

Harmonization between 8.1.2.4 and 5.4.3.1.
