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of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)  
(ADN Safety Committee)

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Provisional agenda for the session<sup>1</sup>

#### Addendum

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##### 1. Adoption of the agenda

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/35 (Secretariat)	Provisional agenda
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Background documents	
ECE/TRANS/203, Vol. I and II	ADN 2009
ECE/TRANS/203/Corr.1	Corrigendum to ADN 2009
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/34	Report of the ADN Safety Committee on its sixteenth session
ECE/ADN/9	List of amendments to ADN 2009

<sup>1</sup> Distributed in German by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine under the symbol CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WP.15/AC.2/35/Add.1.

## **2. Seventy-second session of the Inland Transport Committee**

The Safety Committee will be informed about the results of the seventy-second session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) (Geneva, 23-25 February 2010) as reflected in its report (ECE/TRANS/208). Of direct relevance to the Safety Committee, the Committee noted that, following ratification by Croatia and Slovakia and accession by Ukraine, the number of Contracting Parties to ADN had reached 13. The Committee urged Contracting Parties to the ADN to ensure that they are represented at the sessions of the ADN Administrative Committee so that the quorum required for making decisions is reached at all sessions. The Committee also noted that the secretariat had sent a letter to Permanent Missions of ADN Contracting Parties to the United Nations Office in Geneva requesting countries to submit the various notifications required by ADN (see ECE/ADN/4, paras. 16-17 and annex). The Committee urged Contracting Parties which had not yet done so to submit such information, in particular details of competent authorities and notification of recognized classification societies, without delay (ECE/TRANS/208, paras. 79-81).

During the Committee session, a policy-oriented segment (round table) was organized under the theme "Sustainable transport development: the case of inland water transport" aimed at identifying policy recommendations to better exploit the potential of the E-network of rivers, canals and inland ports for international transport. A short report of the round table, in the form of Chair's conclusions, is annexed to the report of the ITC session (ECE/TRANS/208, paras. 25-26 and Annex).

The Committee was also informed of the outline and structure of the draft "White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe", mandated by the pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport (Bucharest, 2006) and being currently prepared under the auspices of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3). The White Paper will present the evolution of inland navigation since the publication of the first UNECE White Paper in 1996 and promote a pan-European vision for the development of efficient and sustainable inland water transport (ECE/TRANS/208, paras. 68-69).

In addition, the Committee was informed of the completion of a substantial revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) that further harmonized navigation rules for inland water transport in the UNECE region. This fourth edition of CEVNI is available in English, French and Russian (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4) (ECE/TRANS/208, paras. 70-71).

The Committee adopted the reports of its subsidiary bodies and its programme of work for 2010-2014 (ECE/TRANS/208, paras. 100 and 106).

## **3. Status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)**

Ukraine acceded to the ADN on 28 January 2010. There are now 13 Contracting Parties: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia and Ukraine.

## **4. Work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting**

The Safety Committee will be informed about the work of the Spring 2010 session of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting held in Berne, Switzerland from 22-26 March 2010 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/118).

## 5. Proposals for amendments to the regulations annexed to ADN

### (a) Amendments for entry into force on 1 January 2011

At its fourth session (Geneva, 28-29 January 2010), the ADN Administrative Committee requested the secretariat to issue a consolidated list of amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN adopted by the Safety Committee and endorsed by the Administrative Committee at its second, third and fourth sessions for entry into force on 1 January 2011. The consolidated list of amendments is presented in document ECE/ADN/9. It will be formally communicated to ADN Contracting Parties by the United Nations Treaty Section for acceptance.

Corrections to ADN 2009 appear in documents ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/30/Corr.1 (French only) and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/32, Annex II. The corrections which appear in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/34, Annex II will be formally communicated to ADN Contracting Parties by the United Nations Treaty Section for acceptance.

The Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15) at its eighty-eighth session (3-7 May 2010) adopted a package of proposed amendments for inclusion in ADR 2011. The amendments which are of relevance to ADN appear in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2010/13. The Safety Committee is invited to consider whether they should also be included in ADN 2011. By virtue of Article 20 (5) (a) of ADN, it is still possible to adopt amendments for entry into force on 1 January 2011 in order to ensure concordance between RID, ADR and ADN, provided that the amendments are submitted to Contracting Parties for acceptance before 1 September 2010.

### (b) Amendments for entry into force on 1 January 2013

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2010/14 (Austria)	Correction of the ADN checklist (8.6.3)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2010/15 (EBU)	Proposed amendments to 9.3.x.40 and 7.2.4.40
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2010/16 (EBU)	Proposed amendment to 7.2.3.7.1
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2010/17 (Secretariat)	Amendments adopted by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2010/20 (IACS)	Harmonization of damage stability requirements in 9.3.4
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2010/21 (IACS)	Requirements for ventilation pipes on Type N tankers
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2010/22 (IACS)	Hoses and pipes
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2010/23 (IACS)	Definitions of watertight and weathertight
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2010/24 (Austria)	Carriage in cargo tanks (7.2.1.21)

## 6. Catalogue of questions

At its sixteenth session, the Safety Committee agreed that the question of whether it was necessary to have an examination following refresher courses should be discussed first by the informal working group on the catalogue of questions. The report of the meeting held on 17-18 February 2010 appears in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2010/12 and a proposal to amend 8.2.2.1 of the Regulations annexed to ADN appears in

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2010/18. The informal working group met again on 20-21 May 2010.

The informal working group agreed to the case studies regarding the carriage of gases but decided that introductions to the documents would be required before they could be submitted for translation by the United Nations. It was agreed that these documents should have a very restricted distribution and should not appear on the website of the UNECE Transport Division.

**7. Matters relating to the recognition of classification societies**

The list of classification societies recognised by ADN Contracting Parties can be found at the following web page: <http://unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adn/adnclassifications>. No new information from Contracting Parties has been received since the sixteenth session of the Safety Committee.

A special session of the Meeting of Experts for the recognition of classification societies will be held on 28-29 June 2010 in Germany to consider the application for recognition of the Shipping Register of Ukraine. The report of that meeting will be made available to the Safety Committee as soon as it is received.

**8. Special authorizations, derogations and equivalents**

At its sixteenth session, the Safety Committee noted that the two special authorizations proposed by the Netherlands had been deemed to be accepted by the Contracting Parties to ADN. The complete text of the special authorizations in their final form are expected to be submitted to the secretariat. Any new requests for special authorizations will be brought to the attention of the Safety Committee.

**9. Programme of work and calendar of meetings**

The fifth session of the ADN Administrative Committee is scheduled to take place in the afternoon of 26 August 2010 and the morning of 27 August 2010. The eighteenth session of the Safety Committee is scheduled to be held in Geneva from 24-26 January 2011 and in the morning of 27 January 2011 and the afternoon of 28 January 2011. The sixth session of the ADN Administrative Committee is scheduled to take place in the afternoon of 27 January 2011 and the morning of 28 January 2011. The deadline for the submission of documents for those meetings is 22 October 2010.

**10. Any other business**

At its sixteenth session, the Safety Committee decided to refer the question of the measures to be taken when evacuating the crew of a vessel in the event of an emergency to an informal working group (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/34, para. 16). The informal working group met in Arnhem (Netherlands) on 26 and 27 April 2010. The Safety Committee is invited to consider the results of that meeting and the proposed terms of reference for future work as presented in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2010/19.

**11. Adoption of the report**

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