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Programme of work: programme of work and biennial evaluation

Draft programme of work for 2012-2016

Note by the secretariat

1. The Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-first session (8-11 February 1999) requested its subsidiary bodies to indicate, in the programme of work, the priorities 1, 2 or 3 at the level of work elements, to show the output expected for a work element and to dissociate work elements which are permanent in character from those with a limited duration (TRANS/1999/7, para. 35 and ECE/TRANS/128, para. 130).
2. On the basis of the programme of work for 2010-2014, programme activity 02.7: Transport of Dangerous Goods (see ECE/TRANS/2010/8 and Corr.1 and ECE/TRANS/208, para. 106), the secretariat has prepared a draft revised programme of work for 2012-2016, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee, for consideration by the Working Party.
3. The secretariat also included activities of limited duration in accordance with the developments proposed by the Working Party as a follow up to the round table on "Transport of dangerous goods: Global and regional dimensions", held as part of the seventy-third session of the Inland Transport Committee (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/201, paragraphs 64-73).

Programme activity 02.7: Transport of Dangerous Goods

Regulations on the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail, inland waterway and combined transport

Priority: 1

Description: Consideration of regulations and technical questions concerning the

international carriage of dangerous goods in the region. Preparation of new international agreements and harmonization of existing agreements in this field to enhance safety at the same time as facilitating trade, in cooperation with the Economic and Social Council's Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

Work to be undertaken: By the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15)

Continuing activities

(a) Consideration of proposed amendments relating expressly to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and relating to administrative and technical questions pertaining to its implementation and the national and international implementation of its annexes, to ensure the necessary updating of legislation and the introduction of a uniform, harmonized and coherent system for the regulation of the national and international transport of dangerous goods by road. (Continuing) (WP.15).

Output expected: Adoption of a set of draft amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR by the end of ~~2014~~ 2013 for entry into force on 1 January ~~2013~~ 2015, and by the end of ~~2013~~ 2015 for entry into force on 1 January ~~2015~~ 2017.

Publication of revised consolidated editions of ADR in ~~2010~~ 2012, ~~2012~~ 2014 and ~~2014~~ 2016.

Priority: 1

(b) Consideration of proposed amendments relating expressly to the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) and pertaining to administrative and technical questions concerning their implementation, in order to ensure the necessary updating of those provisions and the introduction of a uniform, harmonized and coherent system for the regulation of the national and international transport of dangerous goods by inland waterway throughout Europe (Continuing) (WP.15/AC.2).

Output expected: Adoption of a set of draft amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN in ~~2010, 2012 and 2014~~, 2012, 2014 and 2016 for submission to the ADN Administrative Committee.

Publication of revised consolidated editions of ADN in ~~2010~~ 2012, ~~2012~~ 2014 and ~~2014~~ 2016.

Priority: 1

(c) Harmonization of the provisions of ADR, ADN and the International Regulations concerning the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID), on the basis of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, and consideration of proposed amendments to the provisions common to ADR, RID and ADN in order to harmonize regulations governing the various modes of inland transport, in accordance with the provisions recommended by the United Nations for world-wide application to all transport modes, so as to facilitate multimodal transport and international trade under safety conditions in keeping with each mode of transport (Continuing) (WP.15/AC.1).

Output expected: Adoption of draft amendments to ADR, RID and ADN by the end of ~~2014~~ 2013 for entry into force on 1 January ~~2013~~ 2015 and by the end of ~~2013~~ 2015 for entry into force on 1 January ~~2015~~ 2017.

Priority: 1

Activities of limited duration

[(d) Preparation and adoption of tools to facilitate accession to ADR by new countries and to coordinate the various technical assistance and regulatory activities related to accession (WP.15).

Output expected:

Adoption of a road map on how to set up the administrative structures required for implementation of ADR to be drafted by the secretariat including information received from contracting parties and revised by the Working Party as necessary.

Development of recommendations and/or guidelines based on this road map.]

Priority:
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