
Economic Commission for Europe**Inland Transport Committee****1 September 2011****Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods****Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (ADN Safety Committee)****Nineteenth session**

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Catalogue of questions

State of affairs concerning training and examinations in conformity with chapter 8.2 of ADN**Transmitted by the informal working group on the catalogue of questions¹****Introduction**

1. The informal working group on the catalogue of questions was established by the Safety Committee during its 14th session held from 26 to 29 January 2009 and was mandated to assure the "establishing, managing and updating of the catalogue of questions in line with the development of the provisions (...) The results of the work should lead to decisions on proposals by the Safety Committee (AC.2)." (Informal document INF.12).
2. It was agreed to invite representatives of all interested members of the Safety Committee to participate in the work of the group. However, at present the group is made up only of those States members of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine and Austria who are familiar with the conditions of transport on the Rhine.
3. Now, the working group also wishes to take into account, for its work and proposals concerning general decisions, of different interests concerning transport on the Danube or for example on the Dnieper, which requires support from other ADN Contracting Parties. It is for this reason that the Safety Committee during its 18th session in January 2011 invited other Contracting Parties to participate in the work of the informal working group (document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/38, para. 29).

¹ Issued in German by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine with the symbol TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/19/INF.8.

Consultation of delegations of Contracting Parties in the Safety Committee

4. In preparation of the effective participation of other delegations, the informal working group wishes to obtain information regarding the organization of training and examinations in all Contracting Parties, in order to take this into account in its further work.
- (a) What is the number of training centres in your State (private /public)?
 - (b) Is the catalogue of questions of the Administrative Committee the basis for the training programmes in these training centres?
 - (c) Is the validity of approval of the training centres limited by the competent authority?
 - (d) According to what provisions are the examinations carried out (patent rules, rules concerning examinations)?
 - (e) What is the number of approved examination bodies and centres in your country?
 - (f) Are there any sole examiners or are the examination commissions made up of several persons?
 - (g) How many examinations are organized each year in your country (basic courses and specialised courses in gases and chemicals)?
 - (h) What results are obtained in these examinations (successes/failures) ?
 - (i) Is the content of the examination individually renewed for each examination?
 - (j) Is the catalogue of questions sent to the examination authorities and/or the centres approved by the competent authority?
5. In order to optimize its work, the informal working group on the catalogue of questions requests Contracting Parties to send it all useful information by the beginning of September 2011 (before the next meeting).
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