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Reports of informal working groups

Draft report of the tenth meeting of the informal working group on the training of experts

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(CCNR)¹**

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1. The informal working group on the training of experts held its 10th meeting on 12 and 13 September 2012 in Ludwigshafen, Germany, chaired by Mr. Bölker (Germany). Representatives of the following States took part in the meeting: Austria, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: the European Barge Union (EBU), the European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC), the European River-Sea-Transport Union (ERSTU) and the International Committee for the Prevention of Work Accidents in Inland Navigation (CIPA).

I. Adoption of the agenda

CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2012/15 (Agenda)
CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WP.15/AC.2/2012/23 (Report of the ninth session)

2. The agenda and report were adopted without amendment.

II. Programme of work

CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WP.15/AC.2/21/INF.23 (Programme of work)

3. The informal working group considered the programme of work and asked the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) to submit the updated 2013–2014 programme of work for adoption by the ADN Safety Committee.

4. The Chairperson said that a non-German-speaking delegation had requested to take part in the next meeting of the informal working group. He asked CCNR to enquire about interpreting services.

5. The Chairperson noted that the ADN Administrative Committee had decided to change the name of the informal working group and extend the scope of its mandate to include aspects of the training of experts.

III. Continuous adaptation of the ADN catalogue of questions 2011 (item 1 of the programme of work)

CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2012/13 – Com. Secr. (Proposals for new questions to be incorporated in the 2013 catalogue of questions)

CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2011/14 final rev. 1 – Com. Secr. (ADN 2013 – General)

CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2011/13 final rev. 1 – Com. Secr. (ADN 2013 – Chemistry)

CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2011/12 final DE and FR – Com. Secr. (ADN 2011 – Gases)

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2011/4 to 17 – Com. Secr. (Confidential documents, ADN 2011 substantive questions)

CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2012/9 – Com. BE (Observations)

CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2012/7 – Com. Secr. (Question 232 03.0-04)

CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2012/11 – Com. NL (Question A-11)

CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2012/17 – Com. NL, BE (Comments of the delegations of the Netherlands and Belgium regarding the catalogue of questions)

6. The informal working group considered that it would be best for the new catalogue of questions to enter into force simultaneously in all the Contracting States. The secretariat of CCNR considered that the catalogue of questions could enter into force on the day of its validation by the ADN Administrative Committee, with a six-month transitional period. The ADN Safety Committee could take a decision to that effect.

7. The informal working group decided to entirely delete from the catalogue of questions examination objective 4.2: Density and volume of liquids. With the removal of the reference to temperature in the definition of “degree of filling”, the calculation was no longer necessary. The questions on that subject could therefore be deleted.

8. The delegation of the Netherlands was invited to submit, in consultation with the informal working group on substances, a definition of “critical pressure”.

9. The informal working group decided to systematically use kPa instead of bar in its future work.

A. Comparison of the versions in French and German (item 1.1 of the programme of work)

10. The informal working group decided at a later date to agree a procedure for comparing the current version of the catalogue of questions in German with the version in French (January 2010). If possible, the Chairperson and the CCNR secretariat would in the near future set a date for comparison of the two versions by a small working group.

B. ADN catalogue of questions 2013 (item 1.3 (new) of the programme of work)

CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2012/16 – Com. NL (proposal for new questions on substances that are environmentally hazardous and transitional provisions)

11. The informal working group adapted the multiple-choice questions in the ADN catalogue of questions 2011 to the changes made to the Regulations annexed to ADN 2013. As the substantive questions did not need to be adapted, the current questions could continue to be used. The informal working group invited the CCNR secretariat to incorporate the amendments in the French version and to transmit both versions to the ADN Safety Committee for adoption.

12. The Chairperson offered to prepare a document summarizing the current status of work on the different questions included in the catalogue of questions, with the date of the relevant decisions of the ADN Safety Committee. He noted that the revised version of the catalogue of questions was consistent with the Regulations annexed to ADN 2013.

IV. ADN expert examination (item 2 of the programme of work)

A. Instructions for the ADN expert examination (ADN, Chapter 8.2) (item 2.1 of the programme of work)

CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WP.15/AC.2/2012/22 – Com. Secr. (Guidelines of the Administrative Committee for the use of the catalogue of questions for the ADN expert examination (ADN, Chapter 8.2))

13. The informal working group reviewed the guidelines for the use of the catalogue of questions and requested that the CCNR secretariat ensure that they were uploaded to the CCNR and ECE websites after their adoption by the Administrative Committee.

14. The informal working group agreed to adapt the guidelines for the use of the catalogue of questions to take into account the deletion of examination objective 4.2, Density and volume of liquids, from the catalogue of questions on gases.

15. The informal working group decided to incorporate in the guidelines for the use of the catalogue of questions, for all gases mentioned in the questions under examination objective 4 (UN Nos. 1978, 1010, 1011, 1969 and 1077), the tables already mentioned in the guidelines, which set forth the specific changes in the volume of substances resulting from changes in temperature. The delegations of the Netherlands and Germany were asked to submit the relevant tables.

B. Consideration of the questionnaire entitled “Status of training and examinations in conformity with Chapter 8.2 of the Regulations annexed to ADN”

CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WP.15/AC.2/19/INF.8 (Questionnaire)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/19/INF.19 – Com. BE (Communication from Belgium)
CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2011/17 – Com. CH
CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2011/18 – Com. DE (Feedback from Germany)
CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2011/19 – Com. NL (Feedback from the Netherlands)
CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2011/23 – Com. AT (Feedback from Austria)
CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2011/24 – Com. RS (Feedback from Serbia)
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/21/INF.2 – Com. RO (Feedback from Romania)
CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2012/18 – Com. DE (Summary of responses to questions on training)

16. The informal working group decided to consider the questionnaire at a later date. A summary of the contributions available to date had already been circulated under the symbol CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2012/18.

C. Harmonization of Chapter 8.2 “Requirements concerning training” with ADR (item 2.3 of the programme of work)

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/18/INF.4
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/18/INF.7
CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WP.15/AC.2/38, V., I., paragraph 29
CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2012/5 – Com. DE (Safety awareness)
CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2012/19 – Com. DE (term “written”)

17. The German delegation stated that the harmonization of the training of experts had not yet been discussed with the ADR experts. It proposed drawing up a comparison of the corresponding requirements under the different regulations for presentation at the next meeting.

18. The German delegation said that it would address the interpretation of the term “written” at the Joint Meeting. In its view, the term and the corresponding general conditions should be clearly defined in ADN.

19. The informal working group considered the possibility of using computer software for the ADN expert examination. It was in principle in favour of allowing candidates to take the examination on computers. It recommended, however, that such a possibility should be clearly indicated in the Regulations, for example in section 8.2. It was important to ensure that hand-written examinations and on-computer examinations should be recognized as equivalent. The group agreed in principle that on-computer examinations should also be supervised and that they should be sat either on the premises of the competent authority or at an examination centre designated by the competent authority. Texts of the Regulations on dangerous goods and the European Code for Inland Waterways

(CEVNI) or of police regulations based on them should be used in printed form only. Use of the electronic version of the requirements should not be permitted.

20. The informal working group also considered the possibility of changing the ADN specialized knowledge certificate. A format such as the “credit-card” style ADR certificate could be adopted. One of the delegations noted that because only a small number of units would be produced, the financial implications of that option should be taken into account.

D. Successful completion of specialized training

CCNR/ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2012/3 – Com. DE (Passing the examination)

21. The German delegation presented its proposal for a change concerning expert training.

22. The informal working group recommended that the German delegation, after making some changes, should submit its request for a change of the requirements for successful completion of specialized training to the Safety Committee for a decision. The informal working group supported the German delegation’s proposal.

V. Clarification of general issues concerning the catalogue of questions (item 3 of the programme of work)

23. The informal working group discussed general issues concerning the catalogue of questions but took no decisions.

VI. Calendar

24. The informal working group decided that the next meeting would take place at CCNR headquarters at the Palais du Rhin in Strasbourg. The meeting would take place on 20 and 21 March 2013 (subject to confirmation by the CCNR secretariat). The meeting would begin on the first day at 2 p.m. and would end on the second day at 4 p.m.
