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**Proposals for amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN:
Other proposals**

Proposals for amendments to the ADN checklist 8.6.3

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I. Introduction

1. In accordance with the proposal by the Netherlands to improve the availability of means of evacuation in cases of emergency, point 4 of the ADN checklist should also be amended.
2. In order to accurately document the pressures displayed on ship/shore interfaces, the values recorded under points 12.2, 15.1 and 15.2 should be expressed in kPa.
3. Depending on the height difference between the vessel and the shore installation, there may be a backflow from the installation to the vessel in the event of a malfunction. To prevent this, the crew must also activate the overflow prevention device at various loading points during unloading. As this is required under item 17 only when loading, it could give rise to lengthy discussions between ship and shore personnel. It would therefore be useful to modify item 17 as indicated below. If approved, it would also be necessary to add an explanation in item 17.

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II. Justification

4. The proposed amendment would improve escape route conditions in line with the current amendments of the Regulations. Communication between ship and shore personnel would also be clearer.

III. Proposed amendments

5. The following amendments should be made to the ADN checklist 8.6.3:
- Item 4: Delete “at the fore and at the aft of the vessel”;
 - Item 12.2: Insert at the end “(pressure at connecting point __ kPa)”;
 - Item 15.1 and 15.2: Insert at the end “(agreed pressure __ kPa)”;
 - Item 17: In the first indent, delete “(only when loading the vessel)” and insert “ when loading when unloading”;
 - Explanations: Insert “Item 17: To prevent backflow from the shore, it is also necessary to activate the overflow prevention device on the vessel under certain circumstances when unloading. It is obligatory during loading and optional during unloading. Delete this item if it is not necessary during loading.”
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