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Implementation of the ADN:**Interpretation of the Regulations annexed to ADN**

Publication of national interpretations of ADN provisions

Transmitted by the Government of the Netherlands

I. Introduction

1. The Dutch “Inspectorate for the Environment and Transport” (*Inspectie Leefomgeving en Transport*, ILT) is the national enforcement agency responsible for the ADN. The ILT recently started to publish national interpretations of several provisions of the ADN on their website. The annexes to the ADN are already available on the ILT website. The aim of the publication of the interpretations is to provide the industry with (additional) clarification on the regulations they have to comply with.

2. The publication of the national interpretations was welcomed by the inland transport industry as publication on a website makes this relevant information easy accessible.

II. Considerations

3. The ILT and the inland transport industry considered that at this moment there is no website where the different national interpretations of ADN Contracting Parties can be consulted.

4. Such a website would be favoured by the inland transport industry and the ILT. It would contribute to the aim expressed under (1). In addition, it would also give the national enforcement agencies insight into the interpretations of other agencies and possible differences between them. These differences could give rise to amendments of the Regulations annexed to the ADN to attain the same legislation within the ADN countries, which is the aim of the ADN treaty.

III. Proposal

5. To create a new header on the website of the UN ECE/ADN Committee on “National interpretations”. This website could provide links to the websites of the different national enforcement authorities.

6. The websites of the different national enforcement agencies should provide the national interpretations of the ADN. Logically, these websites have to comply with the current language regime of the ADN Committee.