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Bulgaria joins ADN Agreement

Bulgaria has ratified the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN), bringing the total number of Contracting States to five, namely: Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Netherlands and Russian Federation. The ADN Agreement will enter into force once two more States have deposited their instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

The ADN aims at increasing the safety of the international carriage of dangerous goods by inland waterways and at preventing any pollution resulting from accidents or incidents during the carriage, while facilitating international transport and trade of such goods.

About the ADN Agreement

Adopted on 25 May 2000 in Geneva at a Diplomatic Conference organized jointly by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the

Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine (CCNR), the ADN consists of a main legal text and an Annex.



The Annex contains the technical requirements for the inter-national carriage of dangerous substances and articles in packages and in bulk on board inland navigation vessels and tank vessels, as well as uniform

provisions concerning the construction and operation of such vessels. They also establish international requirements and procedures for inspections, issue of certificates of approval, recognition of classification societies, monitoring, and training and examination of experts.

Pending the entry into force of the ADN, the annexed regulations are updated on a regular basis at a Joint UNECE/CCNR Meeting of Experts for recommended application through national legislation.*

For more information, see <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm> or contact olivier.kervella@unece.org

Coming up ...

20-22 March

Working Party on Road Traffic Safety



23 March

International Festival of Road Safety Films

20-23 March

Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the ECE Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Bern, Switzerland)

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Specialized Section on Standardization of Seed Potatoes

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