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European Agreement concerning the International Carriage
of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)*
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agenda item 5)

**MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECOGNITION OF
CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES**

Report of the Meeting of Experts
for the recognition of classification societies (30 June and 1 July 2004)**

Transmitted by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine

The secretariat has received from the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine the following report of the Meeting of Experts for the recognition of classification societies, held in Bonn from 30 June to 1 July 2004 at the invitation of the Government of Germany.

* This meeting is organized jointly by the Economic Commission for Europe and the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine.

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ATTENDANCE

1. The Meeting of Experts for the recognition of classification societies under the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways was held in Bonn on 30 June and 1 July 2004 at the invitation of the Government of Germany. Representatives of the following countries took part in its work: Austria; Czech Republic; France; Germany; Republic of Moldova. The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) was also represented.
2. The secretariat was ensured jointly by Germany and the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. The Meeting of Experts adopted the agenda as proposed by the Government of Germany.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

4. Mr. H. Rein (Germany) was elected Chairman.
5. On the proposal of the Chairman, the preparation of the report was entrusted to Mr. Beck (Germany) and Mr. Fessmann (CCNR).

RECOGNITION OF THE CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES RUSSIAN RIVER REGISTER (RRR), BUREAU VERITAS (BV), LLOYDS REGISTER OF SHIPPING (LR) AND GERMANISCHER LLOYD (GL)

6. It was noted that all the documents still to be furnished (see document TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2004/2) were currently available.

At the request of the Chairman, the representatives of BV, LR and GL gave an overall presentation of their classification societies. The results of the detailed consideration of the application of the four classification societies are set out in the following table:

Subject	Requirement met			
	RRR	BV	LR	GL
Cover page with signed declaration of item 5	yes	yes	yes ¹	yes
(a) Report of inland navigation activity over a period of approximately 10 years	yes	yes	yes	yes
(b) Rules of the applicant concerning the construction and classification of inland navigation vessels	yes	yes ²	yes ²	yes ²
(c) Evidence of the updating and improvement of the rules and regulations of construction and classification	yes	yes	yes ³	yes
(d) Details of how the rules and requirements may be obtained and of their publication	yes	yes	yes ³	yes

Subject	Requirement met			
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(e) Details of how and when the register of vessels was/will be published	yes	yes	yes	yes
(f) Evidence of the situation of ownership and commercial independence (details of holders of more than 10% of proprietary interest)	yes	yes	yes	yes
(g) Internal quality system certificate	yes	yes ⁴	yes ⁴	yes
(h) List of branches with the power and the capacity to decide and act in other Contracting Parties/signatory States/contracting States	yes	yes	yes ³	yes
(i) Description of the organizational structure	yes	yes	yes	yes
(j) List of active experts in the Contracting Parties/signatory States/member States, indicating their contractual relationship with the classification society	yes	yes	yes ³	yes
(k) Description of the training and continuing training of the experts	yes	yes	yes	yes
(l) References (customers)	yes	yes ⁵	yes ⁵	yes ⁵

¹ The signed declaration is still to be furnished.

² The revised requirements announced will be transmitted.

³ A written document must be furnished.

⁴ Copies of the certificates to be submitted.

⁵ A good reputation is considered to be acquired with membership of AISC.

7. Conclusion

Subject to the submission of the additional information requested, the opinion of the Meeting of Experts was that the Russian River Register, Bureau Veritas, Lloyds Register of Shipping and Germanischer Lloyd could be recommended to the Administrative Committee for recognition as classification societies.
