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Proposals for amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN

Harmonized tests after the ADN refresher course**Transmitted by the informal working group "catalogue of questions"¹****Introduction**

1. At its seventeenth session (Geneva, 23-27 August 2010), the ADN Safety Committee discussed working document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2010/18 elaborated by the informal working group on the 'catalogue of questions' at their session held on 17-18 February 2010 in Strasbourg regarding the possible introduction of a mandatory examination after the ADN refresher course. The Safety Committee asked the informal working group to revise the document against the background of the current discussions. Invited by the Belgian Government, the informal working group met on 28 September 2010 in Brussels and developed the proposal below.

3. The delegations agreed that the refresher test would contribute to the existing high safety level of inland navigation. However, they could not finally agree on the number of correctly answered questions required to pass the test.

4. The delegations agreed that subsequent to the refresher course a test should be conducted to test the theoretical skills of the participants. However, no agreement could be reached as to whether it was sufficient to participate in the test, or whether passing the test should be made a prerequisite for extending the ADN certificate.

5. In this context the German delegation encouraged the idea of issuing training bodies a fixed-term accreditation to be revised at regular intervals, as is the case within the framework of ADR.

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Proposal

6. Add the following text to 8.2.2.1:

"Test after the refresher course

The training body shall test the theoretical skills of the participants subsequent to the refresher course.

To this end, multiple choice questions are selected from the current catalogue of questions referred to in 8.2.2.7.1.3.

The test shall be written. The participants shall answer 20 multiple choice questions.

The test will take not more than an hour. The participants shall have successfully passed the test if at least [15] out of 20 questions are correctly answered. During the test, participants are allowed to consult the provisions regarding dangerous goods (ADN) and the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI).

Should a participant fail the test, he/she may repeat it at the training body within the duration of his/her certificate of special knowledge of the ADN.

The training body shall keep the test results for five years. The participants will receive a copy to submit to the competent authority.

The competent authority shall monitor the test procedures of the training body at regular intervals."
