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Any other business

Request for consultative status

Note by the secretariat

The secretariat reproduces hereafter the information received from Natural & bio Gas Vehicle Association (NGVA) Europe seeking consultative status for participation in the work of WP.15.

NGVA Europe profile:

1. NGVA Europe, the Natural & bio Gas Vehicle Association, is the European stakeholder for representing the entire Natural Gas Vehicles (NGV) related industry from across Europe or being active in European markets, including manufacturers of vehicles, components and filling stations, gas producers and distributors, as well as national stakeholders. We are a NGO and registered as the accredited representative in the transparency register of the EU with with the identification number **N.1119946481-54**, and name NGVA84492107.
2. The main objective of NGVA Europe is the promotion of using Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), including from renewable sources, as a clean, economical and sustainable transport fuel. NGVA Europe coordinates the interests of its members, develops and coordinates political and technical initiatives, guidelines and developments and aims at providing reliable market information and updates with the overall objective to increase the European NGV fleet. Besides its political and technical focus, NGVA Europe provides the broadest European NGV industry platform and coordinates or supports several projects funded by the European Commission. We currently count 158 members from the whole value chain, see <http://www.ngvaeurope.eu/list-of-ngva-europe-members>
3. For more detailed information about our association and its members, including our structure, priorities and activities, please refer to our Report of Activities available on http://www.ngvaeurope.eu/downloads/Brochures/2014-Report_of_activities-v1.pdf
4. NGVA Europe is the regional NGV association for Europe with a clear strategic focus on Europe, hence the introduction and inclusion of methane gas to be used as a transport fuel in for the propulsion of ADR Heavy Goods Vehicles, is of outmost importance to the NGVA and its members. NGVA Europe cooperates with other regional NGV organisations in the world and is also a Board member of NGV Global. NGVA Europe holds the mandate on behalf of the entire NGV related industry to represent and act on behalf of the NGV related industry in Europe and on related national, regional and international topics and participate in working groups active in Europe.

Interest in the work of the Joint Meeting and of WP.15

5. In relation with ADR, our interest in the work of the Joint Meeting and of WP.15 is clearly motivated by our ambition to support and collaborate with the UNECE and its affiliated bodies and Member States, in order to primarily educate and share know-how particularly on safety and environment related topics when using LNG and CNG as a propulsion fuel in vehicles. Our interest would be to support the work in light of the discussions on LNG and CNG for the propulsion of ADR vehicles and the soonest possible acceptance by all European countries allowing cross-border transport of dangerous goods with NG trucks, which will eventually also include the transport of LNG as a fuel itself. We would be very much interested to also support ongoing work on CNG and any other upcoming issues related to methane in transport. We would therefore also like to take the opportunity to kindly request that CNG and LPG should not be treated under the same category, there are clear differences between CNG and LNG as one group of fuel and LPG as a separate fuel, which has a very different chemical composition and also provides a substantially different safety and environmental behaviour.
