



# Economic and Social Council

Distr.: General  
29 May 2015

Original: English

---

## Economic Commission for Europe

### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (ADN Safety Committee)

#### Twenty-seventh session

Geneva, 24–28 August 2015

Item 4 (b) of the provisional agenda

**Proposals for amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN:  
Other proposals**

### Technical vessel certificate

Transmitted by the Government of Belgium<sup>1</sup>

#### Introduction

1. In the Regulations annexed to ADN, the text of 1.16.5 reads as follows:

"1.16.5 The owner of a vessel, or his representative, who requests a certificate of approval, shall deposit an application with the competent authority referred to in 1.16.2.1. The competent authority shall specify the documents to be submitted to it. In order to obtain a certificate of approval a valid vessel certificate shall accompany the request."

2. Belgium thinks that the term "vessel certificate" is not a good term to use in order to obtain a valid (provisional) certificate of approval. A vessel certificate can be any certificate (e.g. a classification certificate, a measurement certificate,...) and should be clarified. Belgium believes that "technical vessel" certificate is the correct term and that the certificate must be delivered by a competent authority.

---

<sup>1</sup> Distributed in German by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine under the symbol CCNR-ZKR/ADN/WP.15/AC.2/2015/28.

## Proposal

3. It is proposed to modify 1.16.5 as follows:

"1.16.5 The owner of a vessel, or his representative, who requests a certificate of approval, shall deposit an application with the competent authority referred in 1.16.2.1. The competent authority shall specify the documents to be submitted to it. In order to obtain a certificate of approval a valid ~~vessel certificate~~ **technical vessel certificate issued by a competent authority is required.**"

## Advantages

4. The proposal above clearly identifies and defines the certificate needed to obtain a valid certificate of approval.

---