
Economic Commission for Europe**Inland Transport Committee****19 June 2018****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)****Thirty-third session**

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Implementation of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN): interpretation of the Regulations annexed to ADN

CAS or EC numbers for reporting of dangerous goods**Transmitted by the Government of Austria**

1. One of the goals of electronic reporting of dangerous goods is to ensure that the goods have to be reported only once even for an international journey. The technical name is a critical information in that case because it cannot be translated automatically. There has been a long discussion whether the technical name is necessary for calamity abatement or not.
 2. At the meeting of the expert group on Electronic Reporting International (ERI) on 12th June 2018 the Dutch delegation informed that the fire brigades and rescue services in the Netherlands do not require the technical name but they would like to get the CAS or EC number of the dangerous goods.
 3. The ADN does not contain any reference to CAS or EC numbers at the moment and there is no requirement to include those numbers in the transport document.
 4. The Austrian delegation has offered to inform the ADN safety committee about this proposal and to get feedback
 - whether the ADN safety committee sees an added value in providing CAS or EC numbers for calamity abatement,
 - whether CAS or EC numbers are available for all dangerous goods and whether the carrier has access to those numbers,
 - whether CAS or EC numbers should be included in the transport document in the future and
 - in case that one of those numbers should be used, which number would be preferred.
 5. The Austrian delegation could inform the Electronic Reporting International expert group about the opinion of the ADN safety committee at the next meeting of the expert group in December 2018.
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