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## **Report of the Administrative Committee of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways on its twenty-third session\***

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## **I. Attendance**

1. The Administrative Committee of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) held its twenty-third session in Geneva on 30 August 2019 with Mr. H. Langenberg (Netherlands) as Chair and Mr. B. Birkhuber (Austria) as Vice-Chair. Representatives of the following Contracting Parties took part in the work of the session: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia and Switzerland.
2. The Administrative Committee noted that the representatives of Contracting Parties attending the session had been accredited and that the quorum of half the number of Contracting Parties required for taking decisions had been reached.
3. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 2 of ADN, and following a decision by the Committee (ECE/ADN/2, para. 8), a representative of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) also took part in the session as an observer.

## **II. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)**

*Documents:* ECE/ADN/50 and Add.1

4. The Administrative Committee adopted the agenda prepared by the secretariat.

## **III. Status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (agenda item 2)**

5. The Administrative Committee noted that the number of Contracting Parties remained at 18: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.

## **IV. Matters relating to the implementation of ADN (agenda item 3)**

### **A. Classification societies**

#### **1. Compliance of the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping with ISO/IEC 17020:2012 standards**

*Informal documents:* INF.1 (Russian Federation) and INF.5 (Russian Maritime Register of Shipping)

6. As noted by the ADN Safety Committee (see ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/72, para. 38), the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping had obtained an accreditation certificate according to ISO 9001:2015 standard in the framework of the requirements under paragraph 1.15.3.8 of the Regulations annexed to ADN.
7. The representative of Germany questioned the equivalence of certificates issued according to ISO 9001 and those granted according to ISO/IEC 17020. The Administrative Committee acknowledged that these questions on equivalency had been raised several times in the past and that it was very difficult for the representatives to perform the necessary verifications to establish equivalences of accreditation certificates. It was concluded that a revision of Chapter 1.15 of ADN was necessary to clarify the requirements for compliance.

## **2. Recognition of classification societies according to 1.15.2.4 of ADN**

*Informal documents:* INF.2 and INF.4 (Croatia), and INF.3 (Slovakia)

8. The Administrative Committee took note of the information provided in informal documents INF.2 and INF.4 which was available on the UNECE website.

9. The Administrative Committee took also note of the information provided in informal document INF.3 which was also available on the UNECE website.

10. The Administrative Committee recalled that all Recommended ADN Classification Societies had to provide evidence, directly to the Administrative Committee, of their certification in accordance with standard EN ISO/IEC 17020:2012 (except clause 8.1.3).

## **B. Special authorizations, derogations and equivalents**

11. It was recalled that the text of special authorizations, special agreements, derogations and equivalents, as well as their status, and of notifications, was available on the UNECE website at the following link: <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm>.

## **C. Miscellaneous notifications**

12. Contracting Parties were reminded to send the secretariat their model expert certificates and ADN examination statistics if they have not already done so.

## **D. Other matters**

13. The Committee invited countries to check the contact information for their competent authorities and, if necessary, to recognise classification societies from the recommended list in accordance with 1.15.2.4 of the annexed Regulations if they had not already done so.

## **V. Work of the Safety Committee (agenda item 4)**

14. The Committee took note of the work of the Safety Committee as reflected in the report on its thirty-fifth session which it approved on the basis of the draft report prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2019/R.3 and Adds. 1-7 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2019/R.4 and Adds. 1-2) adopted by the Safety Committee during the report reading (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/72).

15. The Committee decided to consider the proposed amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN for entry into force on 1 January 2021, as contained in annex I of ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/72/Add.1, along with all other draft amendments adopted in 2018 and 2019 that had not yet been approved by the Administrative Committee, as a package at its twenty-fourth session on 31 January 2020.

## **VI. Programme of work and calendar of meetings (agenda item 5)**

16. The Administrative Committee noted that its next session was scheduled to take place at 12.00 on 31 January 2020 and that the deadline for submission of documents for that meeting was 1 November 2019.

## **VII. Any other business (agenda item 6)**

17. No other business was discussed.

**VIII. Adoption of the report (agenda item 7)**

18. The Administrative Committee adopted the report on its twenty-third session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat and circulated to participants for approval after the session.

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