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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**

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**Interpretation of the Regulations annexed to the ADN****Degassing of tank vessels at reception facilities****Submitted by the Government of Germany**

1. The current text of para 9.3.x.26.3 ADN seems to be not in line with the intention of the former Informal Working Group Degassing drafting the amendment.
    - 9.3.2.62 A permanently installed or portable spring-loaded low-pressure valve used during degassing operations to reception facilities, shall be fitted at the piping used to extract air.”
  2. The report of the IWG Degassing ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2017/47 contains the following statement:
    - “10. Therefore the informal working group decided to prescribe during degassing to a reception facility, if an opening is used to bring in air in the system, a permanently installed of a portable spring loaded low-pressure valve at this opening, with a suitable flame-arrester if explosion protection is required.”.
  3. While subsection 9.3.2.62 ADN addresses “the piping used **to extract** air” the report refers to “an opening [which] is used **to bring in air** in the system”.
  4. Germany likes to ask the ADN Safety Committee to consider this contradiction and to decide about the necessary action.
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