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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

Danger caused by work on board, section 8.3.5 of ADN

Transmitted by the Government of Germany[[1]](#footnote-1)\*,[[2]](#footnote-2)\*\*

Questions of interpretation

1. Section 8.3.5 of ADN is entitled “Danger caused by work on board”.

Question: When is work carried out “on board” a vessel? Spatial delimitation.

For example: Work on the anchor chain or the vessel’s propeller.

2. Under paragraph 7.2.3.7.6 of ADN, cargo tanks and pipes in the cargo area must be cleaned and gas-freed. The result of the gas-freeing must be documented in a gas-free certificate.

In line with section 8.3.5 of ADN, the vessel requires either authorization or a certificate attesting to its totally gas-free condition.

The following amendment has been adopted for ADN 2019: “a certificate attesting to the totally gas-free condition of the vessel **in line with paragraph 7.2.3.7.6**”. Paragraph 7.2.3.7.6 remains unchanged.

Question: Does the gas-free condition have to be certified for the whole vessel, from fore to aft, or is it sufficient for the certificate attesting to the totally gas-free condition to be spatially restricted to the area(s) where the work mentioned in section 8.3.5 of ADN is to be carried out?

For example: A certificate for only the area from the tank to cargo 3.

1. \* Distributed in German by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine under the symbol CCNR-ZKR/ADN/WP.15/AC.2/2017/5. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. \*\* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2016-2017 (ECE/TRANS/2016/28/Add.1 (9.3.)). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)