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REPORT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF EXPERTS ON ITS NINTH SESSION*

(24-26 January 2005)

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ATTENDANCE

1. The Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) held its ninth session in Geneva from 24 to 26 January 2005. Representatives of the following countries took part in the work of the session: Austria; Azerbaijan; Belgium; Czech Republic; France; Germany; Netherlands; Russian Federation; Switzerland; Turkey. The following intergovernmental organizations were also represented: European Commission (EC); Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR); Danube Commission. The following non-governmental organizations were also represented: International Association of Classification Societies (IACS); International Dangerous Goods and Containers Association (IDGCA).

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. The Joint Meeting adopted the agenda as prepared by the secretariat (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/18 and -/Add.1) with the addition of informal documents INF.1 to INF.3.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3. On the proposal of the representative of France, Mr. H. Rein (Germany) was re-elected Chairman.

STATUS OF THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY INLAND WATERWAYS (ADN)

4. The Joint Meeting noted with satisfaction that, since its last session, Hungary and Austria had deposited their instruments of accession to ADN, respectively on 4 May and 9 November 2004. This brought the number of Contracting States to four (Austria, Hungary, Netherlands and the Russian Federation). The Agreement would enter into force once there were seven Contracting Parties.

5. Nine signatories to the Agreement (Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Republic of Moldova, Slovakia) had still not deposited their instrument of ratification.

6. The representatives of the Czech Republic, France and Germany said that the procedures of ratification were in progress in their respective countries.

7. The representatives of Azerbaijan and Turkey said that they were following ongoing developments attentively.

8. The representative of the European Commission said that discussions were in progress to determine how ADN could be reflected in European law in the future.

9. The representative of CCNR said that ADN was scheduled to be modified in keeping with ADN once the latter Agreement entered into force, in particular so that the ADN certificates of approval and ADN expert training certificates could be recognized for navigation on the Rhine.

PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS ANNEXED TO ADN

Amendments to various sections of the Regulations annexed to ADN

Document: TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2005/2 (CCNR)

10. The Joint Meeting considered the proposals to bring ADN into line with the 2005 version of ADNR, in that some differences still existed. These proposals were adopted with some changes (see annex).

Table C of Chapter 3.2

Document: TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2005/3 (CCNR)

11. The amendments proposed were adopted with some changes (see annex).

12. The suggestion by the UNECE secretariat that the presentation of Table C should be brought into line with that of ADNR with regard to the use of upper and lower case was also adopted. It was noted, however, that it was not necessary to put "Boiling point", etc. in upper case, since remark 29 in Column (20) already provided that these particulars would appear in the transport document if necessary.

Document: TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2005/6 (UNECE secretariat)

13. The amendments proposed were adopted (see annex).

Security provisions and other proposed amendments

Documents: TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2005/4 (Danube Commission)
TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2005/5 (Secretariat)

14. It was decided to bring the security provisions into line with those of ADNR and in this way the proposals from the Danube Commission for 1.10.3.3 were taken into account (see annex).

15. The proposal in 8.1.6.2 to require that hoses and hose assemblies should comply with European standards EN 12115:1999, EN 13765:2003 or EN ISO 10380:2003 was adopted, subject to the simultaneous introduction of appropriate transitional provisions (see annex).

16. The representative of CCNR said that definitions for sampling had been introduced into ADNR. He was requested to prepare an alignment proposal for the next session.

MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECOGNITION OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES

Document: TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2005/1 (CCNR)

Informal document: INF:2 (France) (for the Bureau Veritas)

17. The Joint Meeting took note of the report of the Meeting of Experts for the recognition of classification societies held in Bonn from 30 June to 1 July 2004.

18. It noted, in particular, that the Russian River Register was considered as complying with all the requirements for recommendation for recognition.

19. The other classification societies (Bureau Veritas, Lloyds Register of Shipping and Germanischer Lloyd) would have to furnish additional information which would be considered by the Meeting of Experts at its next session, along with any new application that might be transmitted to it.

20. The representative of the Russian Federation said that the competent body in his country would submit, in the near future, an application concerning the approval of the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping.

21. The Joint Meeting noted that the final decision for the recommendation of recognition would be the responsibility of the Administrative Committee at its first session after the entry into force of the ADN Agreement, but that, bearing in mind the resolution adopted by the Diplomatic Conference on 25 May 2000, in the case of classification societies which had already submitted their application, provision was made for the decision to be taken on the basis of preliminary work already carried out by the Meeting of Experts. It was not, therefore, necessary for Governments which had already submitted applications to begin the formalities again once the Agreement had entered into force.

22. The Joint Meeting confirmed the opinion of the Meeting of Experts that the good reputation of a classification society was considered to be acquired with membership of IACS.

PROGRAMME OF WORK

23. The next session was scheduled to be held from 23 to 27 January 2006. The Joint Meeting would have to finalize the series of amendments for the 2007 version, to include in particular harmonization with the fourteenth revised edition of the United Nations Recommendations, in accordance with the procedure established at the last session (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/17, annex 2).

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Corrigendum to the 2005 version of the Regulations annexed to ADN

24. The Joint Meeting of Experts adopted a draft corrigendum to the 2005 version of the Annexed Regulations prepared by the secretariat, with some modifications (ECE/TRANS/182/Corr.1).

Informal document: INF.3 (IDGCA)

25. The Joint Meeting noted that an international conference of container-owners would be organized by IDGCA at Klaipeda, Lithuania, from 1 to 2 March 2005.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

26. The Joint Meeting of Experts adopted the report of its ninth session and its annex on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

Annex

**AMENDMENTS TO THE 2005 VERSION OF THE REGULATIONS
ANNEXED TO ADN**

Document TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2005/2 adopted with the following amendments:

The amendments proposed to 1.2.1, 1.6.1.6, 2.2.1.3, 2.2.3.1.1, 2.2.3.1.7, 2.2.41.4, 3.2.1, 5.1.5.4, 5.3 and 5.4.1.2.2 (b) are adopted and should appear in the corrigendum to the 2005 version of ADN.

5.4.1.1.2 (g) This paragraph will require to be amended again when 5.4.1.1.1 is brought into line with the United Nations Recommendations (next session).

7.2.4.11, Replace the proposed amendment by the following:
8.1.2.3 (a) }
and (j) and }
8.1.10 } “In the footnote delete ‘from the 1st January 2003’.”

8.1.6.5 Read the references as follows: “ ... prescribed in 9.3.1.22, 9.3.2.22, 9.3.2.26.4, 9.3.3.22 and 9.3.3.26.4”.

Chapter 8.2 The replacement of “training course” by “training” is not adopted systematically. The secretariat is requested to check the terminology of Chapter 8.2.

8.2.2.6 and }
8.2.2.6.1 } The amendment is not adopted.

9.1.0.52.3 Add:

Replace in the second sentence “and hold ventilators” by “, hold ventilators and containers”.

9.3.1.21.1 Add:

“Delete ‘(h) (*Reserved*)’.”

9.3.X.52.3 (b) The proposed indent is numbered (iii) and the existing (iii) becomes (iv).

9.3.2.21.7 The amendment is unnecessary.

9.3.3.10.4 Add: “and replace the reference to 9.3.3.10.3 by a reference to 9.3.3.10.4”.

Document TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2005/3 adopted with the following amendments:

3.2.3 *Remark 6:* Bring the English version into line with the amendment proposed for the other versions (replace “cargo heating system” by “possibility of heating the cargo”).

Remarks 35 and 36: Replace “heating” by “refrigerating”.

Add to the amendments of entries of table C:

UN number	Column	Amendment
1038	12	Delete "0.57"
2288	20	Insert "23;"
3295 (last entry)	2	Replace ">" by "≤"

Also add three new positions for UN No. 1307 as follows:

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
1307	XYLENES (mixture with melting point ≤ 0° C)	3	F1	II	3	N	3	2		97
1307	XYLENES (mixture with melting point ≤ 0° C)	3	F1	III	3	N	3	2		97
1307	XYLENES (mixture with melting point > 0° C < 13° C)	3	F1	III	3	N	3	2	2	97

(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)
	3	yes	T1	II A	yes	PP, EX, A	1	
	3	yes	T1	II A	yes	PP, EX, A	0	
	3	yes	T1	II A	yes	PP, EX, A	0	6: +17° C; 17

For the new entries to be added, the English version of document TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2005/3 is incomplete and should be brought into line with the other versions (the second-last page of the French version is missing, i.e. the new entries for UN No. 2984 and three UN numbers 3295).

For the last number to be added, UN No. 3295, replace "1" by "2" in column (13).

Document TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2005/5 adopted with the following amendments:

Add:

1.6.7.2.3.1 Add the following:

Paragraphs	Subject	Time limit and comments
8.1.6.2	Compliance of hoses and hose assemblies with standards EN 12115:1999, EN 13765:2003, EN ISO 10380:2003	Hoses and hose assemblies on board at 1 January 2007 which do not comply with the applicable standards may be used up to 31 December 2009 at the latest

(Replaces the amendment contained in TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2005/2).

1.10.1.3 Bring the Russian version of the proposed amendment into line with the other versions.

Add:

- “1.10.1.4 For each crew member of a vessel carrying dangerous goods, means of identification, which includes a photograph, shall be on board during carriage.”
- 1.10.3.3 Replace in the proposed amendment “of the vessel or of the dangerous goods” by “of the vessel and of the dangerous goods”.
- 1.10.5 Table: Replace in the French text “caragaison” by “cargaison” and “Vracs” by “vrac”. Bring the Russian version of the proposed amendment into line with the other versions (column identification).

Document TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2005/6 adopted without changes.
