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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

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of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)
(ADN Safety Committee)

Fifteenth session
Geneva, 24-28 August 2009

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SESSION¹

Addendum

List of documents by agenda item and annotations

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/31 (Secretariat)	Provisional agenda
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<u>Background documents</u>	
ECE/TRANS/203, Vol. I and II	ADN 2009
ECE/TRANS/203/Corr.1	Corrigendum to ADN 2009
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/30	Report of the ADN Safety Committee on its fourteenth session

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2. SEVENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

The Safety Committee will be informed about the results of the 71st session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) as reflected in its report (ECE/TRANS/206). Of direct relevance to the Safety Committee, the ITC urged Governments of Contracting Parties to the ADN to ensure that they are represented at sessions of the ADN Administrative Committee, so that the quorum required for making decisions is reached in all sessions (ECE/TRANS/206, para. 97).

The ITC endorsed documents ECE/TRANS/2009/6-9 on gender issues in transport and requested the secretariat to circulate them to all the ITC's subsidiary bodies for consideration (ECE/TRANS/206, para. 13).

The ITC requested its subsidiary bodies to address the subject of global warming and transport, as appropriate, within their work, and the secretariat to ensure the necessary coordination and backstopping of activities related to global warming and transport (ECE/TRANS/206, para.28).

The ITC endorsed the report of the Chairman of the Multidisciplinary Expert Group on Inland Transport Security, agreed that the group should be re-activated annually as an informal group to discuss horizontal issues addressed at the ITC's subsidiary bodies and provide an international platform for exchange of best practices, and decided to include the subject of inland transport security on the agenda of its next session (ECE/TRANS/206, paras. 53 and 54).

In light of this decision, the ADN Safety Committee is invited to continue its discussion of security issues facing the transport of dangerous goods by inland navigation.

The ITC also requested its subsidiary bodies to address the subject of transport and trade facilitation from the perspectives of global supply chains with a view to explore potential synergies, including new areas of multimodal and intersectoral cooperation, electronic transport documents and interface with intelligent transport systems (ITS) applications, as well as possible ways of implementing innovative technological solutions for border crossing facilitation, and submit proposals to the Bureau for consideration and reporting to the ITC at its next session (ECE/TRANS/206, para. 68).

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

In accordance with ADN Article 11 (1), the Regulations annexed to ADN became applicable 12 months after the entry into force of the Agreement itself, namely on 28 February 2009.

Since the last session of the Safety Committee, Croatia has acceded to the Agreement (4 March 2009). There are now 11 Contracting Parties to the ADN: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Romania and Russian Federation. Other States (Czech Republic, Italy and Slovakia) that signed the Agreement are now expected to ratify it shortly.

4. PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS ANNEXED TO AND

(a) Report of the "Substances" informal working group

The Safety Committee will have before it the report (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/27) of the "Substances" informal working group which met in Strasbourg on 15 and 16 April 2009 to prepare the modifications to Tables A and C required as a result of the changes to the dangerous goods list in chapter 3.2 of the United Nations Model Regulations on the transport of dangerous goods.

(b) Transitional measures

At its fourteenth session, the Safety Committee took note of a study on the impact of transitional measures on safety and environmental protection, and their economic impact presented in Informal document INF. 8 (14th session) and asked to receive a copy of the full report on the study. The Government of Belgium has submitted a comment on that document which is presented in Informal document INF. 2.

The Safety Committee will have before it the report of the informal working group organized jointly by Germany and CCNR from 28-30 April 2009 in Bonn to study the report more carefully and if necessary prepare proposals for amendments to the transitional provisions for consideration at the fifteenth session of the Safety Committee (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/28). The Government of Belgium has also submitted a document on transitional measures (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/19).

(c) Other amendment proposals

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/7 (Austria)	1.2.1 Definitions
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/9 (Austria)	8.6.1.3 Model for a certificate of approval for tank vessels
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/10 (Austria)	Density
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/11 (Austria)	5.4.1.1.2 Transport document for tank vessels
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/18 (Austria)	Covering the cargo or inerting
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/20 (Secretariat)	Substances hazardous to the aquatic environment
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/29 (Austria)	9.3.3.21.1
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/30 (Austria)	7.2.2.19.3
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/31 (Austria)	Corrections to ADN 2009
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/32 (Germany)	Table C: UN 2672 AMMONIA SOLUTION

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/33 (Germany)	Pump rooms below deck
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/39 (Secretariat)	Other amendment proposals

5. CATALOGUE OF QUESTIONS

In conformity with 8.2.2.7.2.3 of the annexed Regulations, the ADN Administrative Committee is required to prepare a catalogue of questions for the ADN examination.

The Safety Committee will have before it the report of the informal group on the catalogue of questions which met in Bonn on 27 and 28 April 2009 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/40).

The Safety Committee is invited to examine the lists of questions submitted in the following documents and to decide how to continue work on the preparation of the catalogue of questions.

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/12 (CCNR)	General issues
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/13 (CCNR)	General issues
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/14 (CCNR)	Dry cargoes
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/15 (CCNR)	Dry cargoes
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/16 (CCNR)	Tank vessels
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/17 (CCNR)	Tank vessels
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/21 (CCNR)	Chemical products
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/22 (CCNR)	Chemical products
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/23 (CCNR)	Gases
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/24 (CCNR)	Chemical products
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/25 (CCNR)	Chemical products
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/26 (CCNR)	Chemical products
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/34 (CCNR)	Gases
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/35 (CCNR)	Gases
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/36 (CCNR)	Gases
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/37 (CCNR)	Gases
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/38 (CCNR)	Gases

6. MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECOGNITION OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES

The Safety Committee may wish to note that the Government of Germany has recognised Lloyds Register of Shipping, Germanischer Lloyd AG and Bureau Veritas Germany as classification societies under the Agreement. The Government of Hungary has recognised the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping and the Russian River Register as classification societies under the Agreement. Other Contracting Parties are urged to supply this information as soon as possible.

7. SPECIAL AUTHORIZATIONS, DEROGATIONS AND EQUIVALENTS

In accordance with 1.5.2.1.1 of the annexed Regulations, the Government of the Netherlands has submitted information regarding a special authorization issued to Chemgas Shipping in Rotterdam (see Informal document INF.4). The request from Chemgas was first received by the Government of the Netherlands in October 2007. A special authorization has also been issued to Shell.

The Safety Committee is invited to discuss the issue of special authorizations and to make a recommendation to the ADN Administrative Committee.

On 16 April 2009, the Secretariat sent a letter to the Permanent Missions of ADN Contracting Parties in Geneva requesting countries to submit the various notifications required by ADN (see ECE/ADN/4, Annex) to the UNECE secretariat. The Permanent Missions were asked to forward the request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or other Ministries concerned by ADN.

8. PROGRAMME OF WORK AND CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The sixteenth session of the Safety Committee is scheduled to be held in Geneva from 25-27 January 2010 and in the morning of 28 January 2010 and the afternoon of 29 January 2010. The third session of the ADN Administrative Committee is scheduled to take place in the afternoon of 28 January 2010 and the morning of 29 January 2010. The deadline for the submission of documents for those meetings is 30 October 2009.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2010

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Europe and established practice, the Safety Committee is expected to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for its sessions in 2010.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/8 (Germany)	EU study on administrative and regulatory barriers in the field of inland water transport (INF.3)
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Informal document INF. 3 (Germany)	EU study on administrative and regulatory barriers in the field of inland water transport
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11. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

The Safety Committee may wish to adopt the report on its fifteenth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.
