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### INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

*Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods*  
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of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)  
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#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

##### Mandatory examination for ADN refresher course

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1. Chapter 8.2 of the ADN focuses on the requirements concerning the training of experts. According to paragraph 8.2.1.4., *“after five years the expert shall furnish proof, in the form of relevant particulars entered into the certificate by the competent authority or by a body recognized by it, of participation in a refresher course taken in the last year prior to expiry of the certificate ...”* etc.
  2. Participation in a refresher course is required. However, at present, there is no examination after the refresher course. For this reason, many participants in the Netherlands do not take the refresher course seriously. They seem unmotivated and many are not paying attention to what is being taught. Stories of people e-mailing or reading newspapers during the course have come to our attention. The Netherlands delegation is concerned about these reports, as the safety on board ships carrying dangerous goods relies to a large extent on the knowledge of these experts.
  3. In order to guarantee a certain level of knowledge and thereby increase safety on board on board vessels carrying dangerous goods, the Netherlands delegation would like to propose a mandatory examination after the refresher course of the ADN(R) basic training course.
  4. If agreed, paragraph 8.2.1.4 needs to be amended and the requirements of the examination (pass mark) need to be determined. This could be done, for example in the ADN working group on the Catalogue of Questions.
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