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“SUBSTANCES” GROUP

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Introduction

The “Substances” informal working group met on 15 and 16 April 2009 in Strasbourg. Besides updating ADN, Table A, column (8), for new entries and elaborating a draft decision on the issue concerning UN No. 2672 AMMONIA SOLUTION, columns (9) to (11) of Table A were examined to ensure that they comply with the systematic criteria. At the fifteenth session of the Safety Committee (AC.2), which met from 24 to 28 August 2009 in Geneva, the report of the “Substances” informal working group (CCNR/ZRK/ADN/WP.15/AD.2/2009/27) was presented. Based on the proposals contained therein and as a result of the deliberations of the Safety Committee, a series of amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN was adopted (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/32 Nos. 11-14).

By now, further issues need to be addressed.

Proposal

It is proposed to grant the mandate for another meeting of the "Substances" informal working group. This time, the "Substances" group is to :

1. examine, maintain and update Table C (List of dangerous goods accepted for carriage in tank vessels);
2. check if the amendments to ADN chapter 2.4, "Criteria for substances hazardous to the aquatic environment", have consequences for Table C (see also document CCNR-ZRK/ADN/WP.15/AC.2/2009/20);
3. verify that the particulars on ethyl tertiary butylether (ETBE) in Tables A and C are consistent;
4. draw up a draft list of criteria for assigning the requirements as regards the carriage of dangerous goods by inland waterway vessels. The basis for this are the criteria applied to ADNR within the framework of the CCNR and the proposals for the correction/ amendment of these criteria elaborated in the last meeting of the "Substances" informal working group (see also document CCNR-ZKR/ADN/WP.15/AC.2/2009/27, Nos. 12-14 and 16).

As a result, draft decisions for the Safety Committee (AC.2) are to be elaborated.

Justification

The "Substances" informal working group has not yet checked the list of dangerous goods accepted for carriage in tank vessels (Table C) for consistency. First, transfer and editorial errors have not been identified, and second, developments in the field of the European GHS Regulation and GESAMP as well as the availability of data as regards the experimental redetermination of parameters may require amendments to Table C.
