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Catalogue of questions

Work schedule of the informal working group on the catalogue of questions

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1. The task of the informal working group on the catalogue of questions is to draft and continuously adapt the ADN catalogue of questions (in accordance with the mandate set out in informal document INF.12 at the fourteenth session).
2. The main tasks of the group for 2011/2012 are as follows:
 - Continuous adaptation of the catalogue of questions (priority I, see No. 1)
 - ADN expert examination (priority I, see No. 2)
 - Contributions to the alignment of Chapter 8.2 of ADN with Chapter 8.2 of ADR (priority II, see No. 3)

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No.	Task	Mandate/purpose	Start	End	Reference	Priority
	<i>Description of task</i>				<i>Dealt with in</i>	
1.	Continuous adaptation of the ADN catalogue of questions	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/32, para. 53; Informal document INF.12 of the fourteenth session	02/2009	12/2012		I
1.1	<i>Harmonization of the current catalogue of questions in German with the French version (January 2010)</i>					
1.2	<i>Development of a system for the continuous, regular and effective adaptation of the ADN catalogue of questions</i>					
1.3	<i>Alignment of the ADN catalogue of questions as at January 2010 with ADN 2011</i>					
	<i>Substantive questions</i>				Confidential documents ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2011/4-17	
	<i>Multiple-choice questions</i>				Public documents Multiple-choice questions – Basic training ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/12-17 Multiple-choice questions – Gas ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/23 and 34-48 Multiple-choice questions – Chemicals ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2009/21, 22 and 24-26	
2.	ADN expert examination	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/34, para. 60 ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/38, para. 33 ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/38, para. 29	09/2009	08/2011		I
2.1	<i>Revision of INF.6, “Instructions for the ADN experts’ examination”, for submission as a working document at the next meeting of the Safety Committee taking into account the procedure set out in ADR.</i>				Informal document INF.6 of the eighteenth session = ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2011/3 and 18	
2.2	<i>Description of the procedure for testing candidates’ knowledge after the refresher course.</i>				Informal document INF.4 of the eighteenth session	
2.3	<i>Harmonization of Chapter 8.2 “Requirements concerning training” with ADR</i>				Informal document INF.7 of the eighteenth session	
	<i>Recognition of certificates of participation in training courses</i>					

No.	Task	Mandate/purpose	Start	End	Reference	Priority
	<i>Language of the ADN specialized knowledge certificate</i>					
3.	Clarification of general issues concerning the catalogue of questions	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/30, para. 38 to 40 Informal document INF.12 of the fourteenth session	02/2009	12/2012		II
	<i>The informal working group clarifies specific issues submitted by the Safety Committee for consideration and prepares draft decisions for the Committee.</i>					

Working methods of the informal working group on the catalogue of questions

3. Drafting and regularly adapting the catalogue of questions to reflect current amendments is an important basis for high-level ADN expert training. The objective of the group's priority work is to ensure that the catalogue of questions corresponds to the version of the Regulations annexed to ADN in force and takes into account the training objectives set out therein.

4. According to the work schedule, one or two annual meetings are planned, as follows:

(a) In March, in odd years, to prepare for the alignment of the catalogue of questions with planned amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN and the addition of missing subjects;

(b) In March, in even years, to align the catalogue of questions with the version of the Regulations annexed to ADN that will enter into force the following year and to submit it to the Safety Committee in August for a decision. Any additional work occasioned by this decision may be done in September.

5. Training centres and instruction and examination organizers are involved in the work on the catalogue of questions and have the opportunity to propose questions to be included in the catalogue of questions. They are also invited to conduct a critical review of the questions put forward to determine whether they are appropriate. Questions from the catalogue that are difficult to understand or unclear must be reported to the Safety Committee, which then assigns the informal working group to review the items.

6. The catalogue of questions is intended as a service rendered by the Safety Committee to all ADN Contracting Parties so that they make the catalogue available to training centres and instruction and examination organizers. Approximately 50 multiple-choice questions will be treated per year as part of the ongoing adaptation of the catalogue. This will result in about 20 pages of text for translation. The different language versions should be made available as quickly as possible. CCNR stands ready [beyond the general support provided to ECE in respect of ADN] to translate 20 pages of text (multiple-choice questions) from German into a language of ECE.

7. The substantive questions should probably be revised in the next four years.