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Geneva, 22–25 August 2011

Item 6 of the provisional agenda

**Matters relating to the recognition of classification societies**

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**Meeting of the informal working group on recommended classification societies****Transmitted by ADN Recommended Classification Societies <sup>1</sup>**

The informal working group met in Brussels on 19 May 2011. The report on its meeting appears below.

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**Informal Group of Classification  
Societies  
Recommended by ADN  
Administrative Committee**

Brussels, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011

UN Economic Commission for Europe  
Transport division  
Dangerous Goods and Special Cargoes Section  
Attention: The Chairman of WP.15/AC.2  
c/o Mr. Kervella  
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Switzerland

**Reference: letter nr: IG 09**

Subject: WP.15/AC.2 - Recommended Classification Societies, Safety Committee meetings

Dear Sir,

Referring to chapter 1.15 of ADN , in particular article 1.15.4, Recommended Classification Societies have set up an informal working group during a meeting hold in Brussels last 19 may 2011.

During this meeting, the informal group has defined his organization, debated over obligations of Classification Societies and prepared a "minutes of meeting" summarizing the conclusions of the meeting, which will be submit to the ADN Safety Committee.

The Informal Group would like to underline the wish to take this opportunity to reinforce the collaboration between Safety Committee and Recommended Classification Societies in order to:

- ensure an harmonized communication with Safety Committee
- provide to the authorities a better knowledge of classification societies
- clarify the class rules harmonization approach
- avoid conflict between ADN regulations and class rules
- consider classification societies proposals for improvement of Statutory Regulations

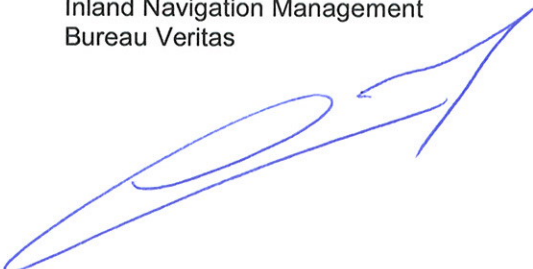
through participation of Informal Group in the Safety Committee activities.

We hope to start fruitful exchanges with Safety Committee at the earliest convenience.

We remain at your disposal for further discussions.

Eric Lallemand  
Chairman of the Informal Group of Recommended Classification Societies

Director  
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Dear Sir,

In the scope of application of ADN requirements, in particular paragraph 1.15.4 relative to "Obligations of recommended classification societies", the recommended classification societies met in Brussels on May, 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Please find, attached, the minutes of the first meeting of the Informal Group of Classification Societies recommended by ADN Administrative Committee.

We remain at your disposal for further information.

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**Minutes of meeting  
Informal Group of Classification Societies recommended by  
ADN Administrative Committee  
Held in Brussels, 19 May 2011**

Recommended Classification Societies met on 19 May 2011 at Brussels.

**Participants:**

Bureau Veritas: **Eric Lallemand** (chairman), Guy Jacobs, Robert Broere  
Germanischer Lloyd: David Jaramillo, **Torsten Dossdahl**, Ihno Herbst  
Lloyd's Register: **Bas Joormann**, J Taverner  
Russian Maritime Register of Shipping: **Maria Rozhdestvenskaya**  
Russian River Register: E. Trunin, **V. Ivanova**

**Agenda:**

- 1) Organization of Recommended Classification Societies Informal Group
- 2) Presence of Recommended Classification Societies to Safety Committee meetings
- 3) Examination of ADN provisions (1.15.4) regarding the Recommended Classification Societies
- 4) Procedure for proposal of Recommended Classification Societies Informal Group to ADN Safety Committee
- 5) Possible actions through Safety Committee
- 6) Interpretation of ADN requirements and technical matters
- 7) Next meeting
- 8) Report to Safety Committee

**Discussion and conclusions**

**1) Organization of Recommended Classification Societies Informal Group**

Following the provisions of ADN regulations article 1.15.4.1, the Recommended Classification Societies decided to set up an Informal Group named "Informal Group of Classification Societies recommended by ADN Administrative Committee". They agreed to hold regular meetings.

Chart of organization dealing with, chairmanship, meetings, votes, collaboration, reporting is set up.

Participants unanimously elected M. Lallemand of BV as Chairman for first term.

**2) Participation of the Informal Group in Safety Committee meetings**

Recommended Classification societies feel that close collaboration with Safety Committee could improve the good application of ADN provisions. Participation of a delegation of Recommended Classification Societies in Safety Committee meetings seems the best way to ensure this collaboration.

It is decided to send a letter to the Administrative Committee chairman to express this wish.

### **3) Examination of ADN provisions (1.15.4) regarding the Recommended Classification Societies**

Rigid application of these provisions seems not realistic. Class rules and Statutory Regulations should be considered separate when Statutory Regulations provisions are not worldwide applicable. Nevertheless Classification Societies have to engage themselves to take Statutory Regulations provisions in consideration when class rules are not in line with those.

This item will be further discussed at the next Informal Group meeting.

### **4) Procedure for proposal of the Informal Group to ADN Safety Committee**

To avoid inconsistency and duplication when a Recommended Classification Society wishes to submit a proposal to the ADN Safety Committee, the informal group decides to issue a procedure for proposal in order to ensure a common position.

### **5) Possible actions through Safety Committee**

The Informal Group believes that a common action by Recommended Classification Societies at ADN Safety Committee meetings will permit a better understanding of Recommended Classification Societies duties and responsibilities, by Contracting Parties delegations. The Informal Group points out that Chapter 1.15 does not include any appeal procedure when Recommendation of a classification society is in a cancellation procedure.

This item will be further discussed at the next Informal Group meeting.

### **6) Interpretation of ADN requirements and technical matters**

The Informal Group decides, on request of members to examine interpretation of ADN requirements and technical matters in order to ensure harmonization of ADN application and when clarification is needed, to submit the issue to the ADN Safety Committee.

BV has a question about the interpretation of damage stability provisions, in particular, the origin point of transverse extent of damage. BV will send the question to all members and everyone will give its' comments on it.

LR has a question about the maximum tank length as mentioned in article 9.3.2.11.1. In article 9.3.4 only the maximum tank capacity is mentioned. Does this apply also to the maximum tank length?

The other societies agree that when sloshing calculations are being executed and the cargo tank is sufficient strengthened accordingly, there are no objections to have longer cargo tanks.

### **7) Next meeting**

29 September 2011.

### **8) Report to Safety Committee**

Chairman should send these minutes of meeting to the ADN Safety Committee before 27 May 2011.