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**Proposals for amendments to the regulations annexed to ADN:
Other issues**

Standardized vessel checklist

Transmitted by the informal working group on the standardized vessel checklist¹

I. Introduction

1. The informal working group on the standardized vessel checklist had already proposed in an Informal Paper for the twenty second session of the ADN Safety Committee to delete the obligation to carry a copy of the vessel checklist on board in 8.1.2.1 (j) and to delete the possibility to provide only a certificate showing the result of the check (instead of a copy of the whole checklist) in 1.8.1.2.1.
2. This proposal was supported by the Safety Committee. The informal working group is now transmitting the formal change request.
3. In addition, the informal working group has detected a difference between the English and the German versions of the last sentence of 1.8.1.2.1: the English version refers to “specific measures for detailed checks”, the German version “Sondermaßnahmen in Form von Schwerpunktkontrollen”. The informal working group proposes a uniform and clearer wording in all languages to clarify that more detailed checks are always allowed.

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Otherwise the carrier could claim that it is not allowed to control points which are not mentioned on the checklist during a routine control. The authority would then have to allow a vessel to continue its voyage despite serious deficiencies, just because they are not mentioned in the checklist.

II. Proposal

4. Amend 1.8.1.2.1 as follows:

“In order to carry out the checks provided for in Article 4, paragraph 3 of ADN, the Contracting Parties shall use the checklist ~~to be~~ developed by the Administrative Committee. A copy of this checklist ~~or a certificate showing the result of the check drawn up by the competent authority which carried it out~~ shall be given to the master of the vessel and presented on request in order to simplify or avoid, where possible, subsequent checks. This paragraph shall not prejudice the right of Contracting Parties to carry out ~~specific measures for~~ more detailed checks.”

8.1.2.1 Replace the text of (j) with “*(Deleted)*”.
