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Implementation of ADN: Training of experts

Proposal to update the work schedule of the informal working group on the training of experts

Transmitted by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR)¹

1. The task of the informal working group on the training of experts is to draft and continuously adapt the ADN catalogue of questions (as mandated under the resolution adopted by the ADN Safety Committee at its fourteenth session: ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/30, paras. 38–40; see also WP.15/AC.2/14/INF.12).

2. The main tasks of the informal working group on the training of experts for 2015/2016 are:

- Continuous adaptation of the catalogue of questions (Priority I, see No. 1);
- ADN expert examination (priority I, see No. 2);
- Contributing to the adaptation of Chapter 8.2 of ADN (Priority II, see No. 3).

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Description of tasks</i>	<i>Mandate/purpose</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>	<i>Reference</i>	<i>Priority</i>
1.	Continuous adaptation of the ADN catalogue of questions	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/32, para. 53 WP.15/AC.2/14/INF.12 ECE/TRANS/WP.15/A C.2/42, paras. 48–51	02/2015	12/2016		I
1.1	Ascertain whether the system (methods of work) permits continuous, regular and effective adaptation of the ADN catalogue of questions				CCNR-ZKR/ADN/WG/ CQ/2012/08	
1.2	Alignment of the ADN catalogue of questions as of January 2015 to ADN 2017. (Ascertain whether it is necessary to revise the substantive questions in 2015/2016.) Multiple-choice questions				ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2011/4-17 ADN catalogue of questions 2015: Gas ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2015/6 ADN catalogue of questions 2015: Chemicals ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2015/5 ADN catalogue of questions 2015: General ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2015/7	
2.	ADN Expert training and examination	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/A C.2/34, para. 60 ECE/TRANS/WP.15/A C.2/38, para. 33 ECE/TRANS/WP.15/A C.2/38, para. 29	01/2015	12/2016		I
2.1	Adaptation of the Directive of the Administrative Committee of ADN on the use of the catalogue of questions for the ADN expert examination to reflect developments in the ADN catalogue of questions				ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2015/3	

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2.2	Harmonization of Chapter 8.2 “Requirements concerning training” with ADR				WP.15/AC.2/18/INF.07 CCNR-ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2012/5 ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2014/49, paras. 23–24 CCNR-ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2014/3 and 2014/4 CCNR-ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2013/3	
	Recognition of certificates of participation in training courses				CCNR-ZKR/ADN/WG/CQ/2014/5	
	Expert certificates				ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/48, para. 24	
	Language of the ADN specialized knowledge certificate					
	Form and length of the examination				ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2014/49, paras. 19–21	
2.3	Consideration of divergences from the format of the expert certificate prescribed in section 8.6.2				ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/48, para. 24	
2.4	Training of instructors, need for recommendations setting minimum criteria and standards for the accreditation of instructors				ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/48, para. 25	
2.5	Status of training and examinations in conformity with Chapter 8.2 of the Regulations annexed to ADN, analysis of statistics relating to the examinations				ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/48, paras. 26–27	
3.	Clarification of general questions regarding training		01/2015	12/2016		II
	The informal working group clarifies specific questions on the catalogue of questions submitted by the ADN Safety Committee for consideration and prepares draft decisions for the ADN Safety Committee.					

3. Next meeting: 14–15 March 2016 in Strasbourg, starting at 2 p.m.

Methods of work of the informal working group on the training of experts

4. The preparation of the catalogue of questions and of Administrative Committee directives on its use in expert examinations, and their regular alignment with the latest amendments, provide one of the foundations of high-level ADN expert training. The working group's priority is to ensure that the catalogue of questions and the directives are always in line with the current version of the Regulations annexed to ADN and take account of ADN training objectives.
5. Through the exchange of training practices between Contracting Parties and suggestions for improvement, the informal working group helps to guarantee the quality of ADN expert training.
6. The informal working group performs the tasks it has been mandated to carry out by the ADN Safety Committee.
7. It discusses questions arising from the interpretation and application of Chapter 8.2 of ADN and prepares draft amendments for the ADN Safety Committee to ensure the continuous updating of the requirements for expert training. Delegations can submit suggestions directly to the informal working group and they will then be validated at the following meeting of the ADN Safety Committee.
8. As to the work schedule, there are one or two meetings a year:
 - 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, and to discuss the impact of those amendments on ADN expert training;
 - In March in even years, to align the catalogue of questions and the expert training with the version of the Regulations annexed to ADN due to come 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.
9. Training centres and training 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 and amendments to the ADN Regulations. They are also invited to conduct a critical review of the proposed questions and draft amendments to ADN, to determine whether they are appropriate and can be implemented. Questions from the catalogue that are difficult to understand or unclear should be reported to the Safety Committee, which then asks the informal working group to review those items.
10. Contracting Parties are required to use the catalogue of questions of the Administrative Committee as the basis for the special examinations they conduct to test knowledge of ADN. It is made available to delegations by the Safety Committee so that they can send it to training centres and instruction and examination organizers. Approximately 50 multiple-choice questions will be dealt with each 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 soon 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.
11. It will probably be necessary to check the relevance of the substantive questions over the next two years.