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### **Report of the Administrative Committee of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways on its sixteenth session\***

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## **I. Attendance**

1. The Administrative Committee of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways held its sixteenth session in Geneva on 29 January 2016. Representatives of the following Contracting Parties took part in the work of the session: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.
2. The Administrative Committee noted that the quorum of not less than half of the Contracting Parties required for the purpose of taking decisions had been reached.
3. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 2 of ADN, and following a decision by the Committee (ECE/ADN/2, para. 8), a representative of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) took part in the session as observer.

## **II. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)**

*Documents:* ECE/ADN/34 and Add.1

4. The Administrative Committee adopted the agenda prepared by the secretariat.

## **III. Election of officers for 2016 (agenda item 2)**

5. On the proposal of the representative of the Netherlands, Mr. H. Rein (Germany) was elected Chairman and Mr. B. Birkhuber (Austria) was elected Vice-Chairman for the sessions in 2016.

## **IV. Status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (agenda item 3)**

6. The Administrative Committee noted that the number of Contracting Parties to ADN was unchanged at 18: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Republic of Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.

## **V. Matters relating to the implementation of ADN (agenda item 4)**

### **A. Classification societies**

7. The Administrative Committee noted that so far only the Shipping Register of Ukraine and Det Norske Veritas Germanischer Lloyd (DNV GL SE) had provided evidence of certification by an independent body that their procedures were in conformity with EN ISO/IEC 17020:2012. The other ADN recommended classification societies were requested to provide such evidence as discussed during the two last sessions of the Safety Committee (See ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/56, paras.33-36 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/58 paras 16-18)

8. The lists of recommended and recognised classification societies were available on the secretariat's website at the following link: [www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adn/adnclassifications.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/adn/adnclassifications.html).

## **B. Special authorizations, derogations and equivalents**

9. The Administrative Committee endorsed the recommendation of the Safety Committee (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/58, para. 9 authorizing the competent authority of the Netherlands to issue, in accordance with 1.5.3.2, a temporary derogation for the tank vessel *Chemgas 851* ("Sirocco") that would allow her to use a dry aerosol generating fire extinguishing system (see annex).

10. It was recalled that the text of special authorizations, special agreements, derogations and equivalents, as well as their status, and of notifications, could be found on the secretariat's website at the following link: <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm>.

## **C. Miscellaneous notifications**

11. The Committee invited countries to check the contact information for their competent authority and if necessary to recognise classification societies from the recommended list in accordance with 1.15.2.4 of the annexed Regulations if they had not already done so.

12. It was recalled that, according to 1.16.4.3 of the Regulations annexed to ADN, the Administrative Committee is expected to maintain an up-to-date list of the inspection bodies appointed. So far information has been received from Austria and the Czech republic only and is available on the secretariat's website at <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm>.

## **D. Other matters**

13. No other matters were raised under this item.

## **VI. Work of the Safety Committee (agenda item 5)**

14. The Committee took note of the work of the Safety Committee as reflected in the report on its twenty-eighth session held in Geneva from 25-29 January 2016 (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/58 and Add.1). The Safety Committee had reviewed and checked all amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN it had proposed at its 2014 and 2015 sessions for entry into force on 1 January 2017, as consolidated by the secretariat in document ECE/ADN/2016/1, and had modified some of them. It had also proposed new amendments as well as corrections to ADN 2015. The Committee adopted all these amendments, as listed in Annex I of the report of the Safety Committee, as well as the corrections listed in Annexes II and III.

15. The Committee requested the secretariat to prepare a consolidated list of all the proposed amendments which it had adopted for entry into force on 1 January 2017 so that they could be made the subject of an official proposal to amend the ADN in accordance with the procedure set out in article 20. The notification would have to be issued no later than 1 July 2016, with a reference to 1 January 2017 as the scheduled date of entry into force.

16. The Committee also requested the secretariat to prepare the consolidated text of ADN as modified on 1 January 2017 as a United Nations publication and to make it available in advance of 1 January 2017 so that countries could organize themselves to implement the new provisions.

## **VII. Programme of work and calendar of meetings (agenda item 6)**

17. The Committee decided to hold its next session at 12.00 on 26 August 2016.

## **VIII. Any other business (agenda item 7)**

18. The Committee had no other business to discuss under this item.

## **IX. Adoption of the report (agenda item 8)**

19. The Administrative Committee adopted the report on its sixteenth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat and sent to delegations for approval by e-mail after the session.

## Annex

### **Decision of the ADN Administrative Committee relating to the use of a dry aerosol fire extinguishing system on the tank vessel “Chemgas 851”**

#### **Derogation No. 1/2016 of 29 January 2016**

The competent authority of the Netherlands is authorized to issue an addition to the trial certificate of approval of the motor tank vessel Chemgas 851 (Sirocco), official ID number 55679 and BV Register number 24521F, type G tanker as referred to in ADN, for the use of a dry aerosol generating fire extinguishing system (FP5700S).

Pursuant to paragraph 1.5.3.2 of the Regulations annexed to ADN, the above-mentioned vessel may deviate until 31 December 2018 from the requirement of paragraph 9.3.1.40.2.1, Extinguishing agent: The extinguishing agent is not listed in the paragraph. The vessel is equipped with a permanently fixed fire-extinguishing agent of the type dry aerosol generating fire extinguishing system (FP5700S).

The Administrative Committee decides that the use of this dry aerosol generating fire extinguishing system is sufficiently safe if the conditions set by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) are met at all times\*.

The following conditions shall also apply:

1. All data related to the use of the dry aerosol generating fire extinguishing system (FP5700s) shall be collected by the carrier. The data shall be sent to the competent authority on request.
2. After use of the permanently fixed fire-extinguishing agent, an evaluation report shall be sent to the UNECE secretariat for information of the Administrative Committee, including the operational data and the inspection report by the classification society which classed the vessel.

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\* Refer to informal document INF.3 submitted at the 28<sup>th</sup> session of the ADN Safety Committee available at: <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2016/dgwp15ac2/WP15-AC2-28-inf03e.pdf>