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Item 3 of the provisional agenda

Matters arising from the work of United Nations bodies or other organizations

Outcome of the forty-eighth session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

(Geneva, 30 November-9 December 2015)

Note by the secretariat

A. Miscellaneous corrections to the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of dangerous Goods, Model Regulations that the Safety Committee may wish to consider for ADN

Chapter 3.3

1. An error in the French version of special provision 310 of the UN Model Regulations was identified and it should be corrected.

Special provision 310 Amendment does not apply to the English text.

Disposition spéciale 310 Remplacer «doivent être emballées» par «peuvent être emballées».

(Reference document: Informal document INF.7)

2. In special provision 369, the word “radioactivity” should be used instead of the term “radioactive material” as it is a property and not a material that it is concerned.

Special provision 369 Replace “with radioactive material and corrosivity subsidiary risks” by “with radioactivity and corrosivity subsidiary risks”.

Disposition spéciale 369 Remplacer «risques subsidiaires de matière radioactive» par «risques subsidiaires de radioactivité».

(Reference document: Informal document INF.8)

B. Use of the terms “boiling point” and “initial boiling point”

1. During the 27th session of the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (ADN Safety Committee), in a report from the informal working on substances (section D) it was proposed that the Safety Committee consider replacing the term "boiling point" by "initial boiling point" throughout the ADN.

2. This issue was raised in the Joint Meeting, and it was decided to bring it to the attention of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. The outcome of the discussions is reproduced below.

Informal document: INF.27 (Germany)

31. Several delegations pointed out that the term “boiling point” was used in the context of pure substances or azeotropic mixtures, and that the terms “initial boiling point” and “boiling range” pertained to zeotropic mixtures. They therefore did not consider it appropriate to systematically replace the term “boiling point” by “initial boiling point”.

32. The expert from Germany said that she would inform the group that had raised the issue of the discussion and might return to the matter if seemed necessary to make adaptations according to the context.