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Implementation of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN): interpretation of the Regulations annexed to ADN

Question regarding degassing of tank vessels and scope of ADN**Transmitted by EBU/ESO****Introduction**

The barge industry has taken note of the new ADN-requirements for degassing, both to the atmosphere and to reception facilities (ref. ADN 7.2.3.7).

The barge industry faces practical problems regarding the process of degassing and the status quo that for the moment and in near future, it seems unlikely that sufficient degassing facilities shall be present.

From an environmental perspective, the barge industry is willing to avoid emissions and degas to a degassing facility.

Regarding the application of the new requirements the barge industry requests the contracting parties to consider whether requirements regulating exposure to harmful substances, as a result of normal operations, should be part of the safety provisions in the ADN-regulations.

Question

The barge industry asks the ADN Safety Committee to consider this topic and to take action as it deems appropriate.
