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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 tenth 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 tenth session in Geneva on 25 January 2013. Representatives of the following Contracting Parties took part in the work of the session: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, 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), representatives of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) took part in the session as observers.

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

*Documents:* ECE/ADN/21 and Add.1

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

## **III. Election of officers for 2013 (agenda item 2)**

5. On the proposal of the representative of France, supported by 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 2013. In the absence of Mr. Rein, Mr. Birkhuber chaired the session.

## **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 there were 17 Contracting Parties to ADN: Austria, 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. Recognition of classification societies**

7. The Committee took note of the request by the German subsidiary of Registro Italiano Navale (RINA) to be recognised as a recommended ADN Classification Society (Informal document INF.2) in accordance with chapter 1.15 of the Regulations annexed to ADN and decided to appoint a committee of experts to examine the request.
8. The Committee noted that since its last session there had been no new recognitions of classification societies by Contracting Parties. 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 noted the recommendation by the Safety Committee (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/46, para. 11) that it should authorize the competent authority of the Netherlands to issue, in accordance with 1.5.3.2, derogations for the tank vessels *I-Tanker 1403* and *I-Tanker 1404* authorizing them on a trial basis to use LNG as fuel for the transport of dangerous goods, once prior approval had been received from the CCNR. The Administrative Committee agreed that this could be done at its August 2013 session provided that the proposed derogations had been approved by the CCNR by that time.

10. The Committee took note of the evaluation report issued for the tank vessel *Argonon* (Informal document INF.21 presented at the twenty-second session of the Safety Committee) which had been authorized on a trial basis to use diesel and LNG as fuel for the transport of dangerous goods (see ECE/ADN/17, annex).

11. 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**

12. The Committee took note of Informal document INF.1 on the status of notifications to be made to the UNECE secretariat. It 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.

## **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 draft report on its twenty-second session (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/46) and adopted the proposed corrections to ADN 2013, as contained in annex II of that report. It decided to consider the proposed amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN for entry into force on 1 January 2015, as contained in annex I of that report, as a package at a future meeting.

15. The Committee endorsed the interpretation of 7.2.4.16.9 which appears in paragraph 57 of the report of the twenty-first session of the Safety Committee (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/44) and the interpretations in paragraphs 14, 71, 72 and 74 of the report of the twenty-second session of the Safety Committee (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/46).

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

16. The Committee decided to hold its next session at 12.00 on 30 August 2013. It noted that the deadline for the submission of documents for that session was 31 May 2013.

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

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

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

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

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