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<u>Item 5 (b) of the agenda: Proposals for amendments to RID/ADR/ADN – New proposals</u>

Amendment to the definition of "flash-point" in RID/ADR 1.2.1

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Introduction

- At its thirty-second session, the ADN Safety Committee discussed document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2018/22 (Summary of a meeting of representatives of PTB, CEFIC and BAM on 5-6 October 2017, in Brunswick, concerning possible ambiguities in Table C) transmitted by the Government of Germany. This document contains, among other things, a proposal to amend the definition of "flash-point". The Safety Committee adopted this proposal for ADN.
- 2. As the definition of "flash-point" also appears in the provisions of RID and ADR, Germany was invited to submit to the Joint Meeting a corresponding proposal to amend the text of RID and ADR.

Proposal

- 3. It is proposed to insert the abbreviation "Fp" into the definition of "flash-point" in RID/ADR 1.2.1, so that the definition reads as follows:
 - ""Flash-point (Fp)" means the lowest temperature of a liquid at which its vapours form a flammable mixture with air;".

Justification

4. The proposed amendment to the definition makes it possible to use the abbreviation of flash-point in proper shipping names as well as in additions to these names. This makes it easier to refer to the flash-point, particularly in tables.