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European Agreement concerning the International Carriage
of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)¹
(ADN Safety Committee)²

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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS ANNEXED TO ADN³

Miscellaneous proposals for amendments

Chapters 3.2 and 7.1

New entries to table A and 7.1.4.1

Transmitted by the Government of Belgium⁴

SUMMARY

Executive Summary: Regulate the bulk transport of solid substances that are hazardous to the environment

Action to be taken: Add a new entry to Table A and to 7.1.4.1

¹ This meeting is organized jointly by the Economic Commission for Europe and the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR).

² The Joint Meeting of Experts was established jointly by the Economic Commission for Europe and the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) pursuant to the invitation by the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) in its resolution adopted on 25 May 2000. The said resolution makes provision for the Joint Meeting of Experts to take the place of the Safety Committee referred to in article 18 of the ADN after entry into force of the Agreement. As the ADN entered into force on 29 February 2008, the Joint Meeting of Experts will henceforth play the role of the ADN Safety Committee.

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⁴ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2006-2010 (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1, programme activity 02.7 (b)).

Introduction

1. For some years now, zinc oxides and zinc sulphates have been carried in bulk on the inland waterways of Belgium and northern France. These substances have been classified as environmentally hazardous under UN 3077. As Table A of chapter 3.2 of ADN/ADNR does not allow bulk transport of such products, special authorizations were delivered by the national authorities in accordance with 1.5.1.2.2 of ADNR. This proposal aims at regulating the bulk transport of solid substances that are hazardous to the environment in a general way so that special authorizations will no longer be necessary in the future.

2. It is proposed to add a new entry to Table A for UN 3077 which would allow the carriage in bulk as indicated in column 8. A breathing apparatus would be made compulsory as indicated in column 9. Those substances which are highly hazardous to the aquatic environment (comparable to group N1 for tank vessels) should be transported in double hull vessels as indicated in column 13 and in the new entry in 7.1.4.1.

3. The Joint Meeting may wish to discuss consequential changes to Part 2 of the 2009 version of ADN/ADNR, as bulk transport of environmentally hazardous solids does not seem to be addressed there.

Proposal

4. Add a new entry to Table A, as reproduced in the annex to this document.

5. Add the following line to the table in 7.1.4.1 for Class 9, after “All goods of packing group II”:

“UN No. 3077, for goods carried in bulk and classified as hazardous to the aquatic environment, categories Acute 1 or Chronic 1, in accordance with 2.4.3: 0 kg”

Annex

Proposed new entry in Table A of chapter 3.2 of ADN

(1)	(2)	(3a)	(3b)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
3077	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S.	9	M7	III	9	274	LQ 27	B	PP A			0	For carriage in bulk see also 7.1.4.1.
