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Definition of "Barge"

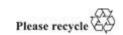
Transmitted by the Recommended ADN Classification Societies^{1, 2}

- 1. During the 28th session of the ADN Safety Committee, the Recommended ADN Classification Societies were invited (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/58, item 40) to consider an appropriate definition for "barge", taking into account the requirements applicable to these vessels within the framework of the Regulations annexed to ADN (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2016/20, Annex 2, Item 2). It was noted that some barges could be pushed, some towed, and some both pushed and towed, and that the proposed definition had to be revised.
- 2. This matter has been discussed during the 11th meeting (March, 16th 2016) of the Recommended ADN Classification Societies. The proposed definition is inspired by the equivalent definitions in ES-TRIN standard:

"Barge: a vessel intended for the carriage of goods and built or specially modified to be pushed or towed, or pushed and towed either having no motive power of its own or having only sufficient motive power to perform restricted manoeuvres, when not part of a pushed convoy."

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