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Report of the informal working group on the carriage of "LNG"

Transmitted by the Government of the Netherlands

I. Introduction

- 1. During the ADN Safety Committee last August the Dutch proposal for the transport of LNG was discussed (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/2012/24 and 2012/INF.40). The Committee asked the Government of the Netherlands to organize an Informal Working Group on LNG to discuss the proposal in more detail (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/44).
- 2. This Informal Working Group was held on 30-31 October 2012 in Bonn and was attended by delegates from Austria, Germany, Switzerland, EBU, FETSA, classification societies and the CCNR.

II. Results

- 3. The Informal Working Group drew up a list of possible hazards that could arise during the transport of LNG and appropriate measures to address them. A formal HAZID-study was not deemed necessary;
- 4. The Informal Working Group supported the use of the boil-off from the cargo as a means of propulsion and for other shipboard uses.

III. Further process

5. A proposal for amendments to the ADN for the transport of LNG is now in development. These amendments will be discussed during a second meeting of the Informal Working Group on the carriage of LNG on a date and place yet to be decided. If agreement can be reached, the amendments will be presented at the ADN session in August 2013 for adoption in ADN 2015

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