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**Proposals for amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN:
other proposals**

ADN Checklist**Transmitted by the Government of the Netherlands****Introduction**

1. The ADN Checklist in 8.6.3 has to be used for every loading or unloading operation. As such, it is one of the most used parts of ADN and a paramount instrument to ensure that the Safety Regulations of ADN are regarded during each and every loading or unloading operation.
2. Two additional questions regarding the transport of refrigerated liquefied gasses have been added over the past decade and some questions were slightly rephrased. Overall, however, the checklist has undergone little change.
3. Because of the high usage of the Checklist, ideas for improvement of the Checklist have been collected over the years, both within the inland navigation industry and within the shore-side operations. Representatives of these industries have presented the Dutch delegation with a set of proposals to improve the ADN Checklist. These proposals include, but are not limited to, proposals to include references to the relevant parts of ADN for each question, a reshuffling of the questions to better reflect the process in practice and additional explanations for questions that are unclear and raise questions in practice. At the same time, our National inspectorate has also produced a report with proposals to update and improve the ADN Checklist.
4. The Dutch delegation is still in the process of analysing these two reports. However, the substantive nature of the proposals for amendment of the Checklist indicate that an update of the Checklist is due.

I. Possible way forward

5. Since each and every loading or unloading operation requires the use of the ADN Checklist, proposals for updates and/or improvements might also be known to other participants of the ADN Safety Committee.
6. The Dutch delegation is of the opinion that it is important to collect all possible proposals for improvement and comments on the Checklist in order to develop proposals to amend the Checklist. Therefore, we kindly invite the members of the ADN Safety Committee to send us any comments on the ADN Checklist before the end of March 2023.

7. We are planning to present a first concept of a proposal for amendments to the Checklist during the forty-second session of the ADN Safety Committee. On the basis the discussion in the ADN Safety Committee, this first concept could be further developed and presented for approval during the forty-third session.

II. Justification

8. The ADN Checklist is one of the most used parts of the ADN. As such, the Checklist should reflect the ADN. The Dutch delegation would like to work towards an improved and updated Checklist that reflects the ADN in the day-to-day operations of loading and unloading. An improved and updated Checklist contributes to safety during loading and unloading. Consequently, it reduces the number of accidents and incidents that occur during loading and unloading. As such, the work being done to update the Checklist contributes to an improved infrastructure (SDG 9) and prevents unnecessary spills to the aquatic environment (SDG 15).

III. Action to be taken

9. The ADN Safety Committee is requested to consider the proposed way forward and to take action as it deems appropriate. The members of the ADN Safety Committee are invited to send the Dutch delegation their proposals and comments on the ADN Checklist by the end of April.
