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(ADN Safety Committee)**

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**Implementation of the European Agreement concerning the   
International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN):**

**matters related to classification societies**

1.15.3.8 of ADN: Classification societies – quality assurance systems

Transmitted by governments of Austria, Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg[[1]](#footnote-2)\*, [[2]](#footnote-3)\*\*

Introduction

1. At its thirtieth session on 25 August 2023, the ADN Administrative Committee has repeatedly reminded the classification societies, placed by the Committee on the list referred to in paragraph 1.15.2.3 of the regulations annexed to the ADN and recommended for recognition, to provide evidence of certification in accordance with standard EN ISO/IEC 17020:2012 (except 8.1.3) (see report ECE/ADN/67, paragraph 6). It did so beforehand at its twenty-seventh session on 28 January 2022 (report ECE/ADN/60, paragraph 7).

2. It is possible that the Recommended ADN Classification Societies did not take note of this request because they do not attend the meetings of the ADN Administrative Committee.

3. The following evidence was most recently submitted to the ADN Safety Committee and the ADN Administrative Committee:

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| Bureau Veritas | 13 January 2020  thirty-sixth session, informal document INF.12 | Expiry Date: 2022-12-23 |
| Lloyd’s Register | 27 June 2016  twenty-ninth session informal document INF.3 | Expiry Date: 28/08/2016 |
| Det Norske Veritas Germanischer Lloyd (DNV GL SE) | 25 January 2016  twenty-eighth session informal document INF.28 | Certificate expiry date:  28 December 2017 |
| Registro Italiano Navale (RINA) | (initial application for recommendation) |  |
| Croatian Register of Shipping | thirty-third session, informal document INF.4  (inital application for recommendation) |  |
| Russian Maritime Register of Shipping | 21 August 2019  twenty-third session of the ADN Safety Committee informal documents INF.1 and INF.5 | Expiry Date: 6 September 2021 |
| Russian River Register |  |  |
| Shipping Register of Ukraine | 2011  seventeenth session of the ADN Administrative Committee  (initial application for recommendation) |  |

4. For all classification societies, the validity of the submitted certificates has already expired at the time of the forty-third session of the ADN Safety Committee.

I. Complaint

5. The requesting Contracting Parties, Austria, Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg, invite the ADN Safety Committee to renew this request to the representatives of the informal group of Recommended ADN Classification Societies.

6. The evidence shall be submitted to the thirty-second session of the ADN Administrative Committee in August 2024 as multilingual working documents and shall include certificates valid at least until 31 December 2024.

7. Furthermore, the requesting Contracting Parties ask the Recommended ADN Classification Societies to update their certificates in the future without prior request to the ADN Administrative Committee, when the underlying certificates reach the end of their validity period.

II. Justification

8. The Recommended ADN Classification Societies are already aware that the ADN Safety Committee attaches great importance to an efficient system of quality assurance for the inspection of ships for the issue of certificates of approval. The informal group of Recommended ADN Classification Societies was asked several times to explain in detail what, in their view, speaks against a formal accreditation as an inspection body.

9. Until this discussion is concluded, it seems important to the requesting Contracting Parties to strictly observe the current requirement to "maintain" the implemented quality assurance system and also to duly inform the ADN Administrative Committee.

III. Further considerations

10. The requesting Contracting Parties, Austria, Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg, expressly reserve the right to initiate the procedure according to subsections 1.15.2.5, 1.15.2.6 and 1.15.2.7 of the regulation annexed to the ADN in the absence of the above requested evidence.

1. \* Distributed in German by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine under the symbol CCNR-ZKR/ADN/WP.15/AC.2/2024/22 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. \*\* A/78/6 (Sect. 20), table 20.5 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)