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PROGRAMME OF WORK

Note by the secretariat

The secretariat reproduces hereafter the draft programme of work 2004-2008 for consideration by the Working Party before submission to the Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-sixth session (17-19 February 2004).

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.7: TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Regulations on the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail, inland waterway and combined transport Priority: 1

Description: Consideration of regulations and technical questions concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods in the region. Preparation of new international agreements and harmonization of existing agreements in this field to enhance safety at the same time as facilitating trade, in cooperation with the Economic and Social Council's Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods **and on the Globally Harmonized System of classification and Labelling of Chemicals.**

Work to be undertaken:

1. By the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15)

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

- (a) Consideration of proposed amendments relating expressly to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and relating to administrative and technical questions pertaining to its implementation and the national and international implementation of its annexes, to ensure the necessary updating of legislation and the introduction of a uniform, harmonized and coherent system for the regulation of the national and international transport of dangerous goods by road throughout Europe. (Continuing) (WP.15).

Output expected

Adoption of a set of draft amendments to Annexes A and B of ADR by the end of ~~2003-2005~~ **2005** for entry into force on 1 January ~~2005~~ **2007**, and by the end of ~~2005~~ **2007** for entry into force on 1 January ~~2007-2009~~.

Publication of revised consolidated editions of ADR in ~~2002~~, 2004, ~~and~~ 2006 **and 2008**. Priority: 1

- (b) Consideration of proposed amendments relating expressly to the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways and pertaining to administrative and technical questions concerning their implementation, in order to ensure the necessary updating of those provisions and the introduction of a uniform, harmonized and coherent system for the regulation of the national and international transport of dangerous goods by inland waterway throughout Europe (Continuing) (WP.15/AC.2).

Output expected

Adoption of draft amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN in ~~2002, 2003~~, 2004, 2005, ~~and 2006~~, **2007 and 2008** for application by Member States as soon as possible and for submission to the ADN Administrative Committee as soon as ADN enters into force. Priority: 1

- (c) Harmonization of the provisions of ADR, ADN and the International Regulations concerning the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID), on the basis of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, and consideration of proposed amendments to the provisions common to ADR, RID and ADN in order to harmonize regulations governing the various modes of inland transport throughout Europe, in accordance with the provisions recommended by the United Nations for world-wide application to all transport modes, so as to facilitate multimodal transport and international trade under safety conditions in keeping with each mode of transport (Continuing) (WP.15/AC.1).

Output expected

Adoption of draft amendments to ADR, RID and ADN by the end of ~~2003~~ **2005** for entry into force on 1 January ~~2005-2007~~ and by the end of ~~2005~~ **2007** for entry into force on 1 January ~~2007-2009~~. Priority: 1

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~~(d) Restructuring of the Regulations annexed to ADN to make implementation of their provisions easier for all parties having to apply them and thus improve safety and rationalize and facilitate future updates of them on the basis of the regular updating of the Model Regulations annexed to the United Nations Recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods, so as to avoid duplication by rationalization of methods of work (WP.15/AC.2).~~

Output expected

~~Adoption of the restructured ADR and RID in 2000 for entry into force on 1 July 2001. Publication of the restructured ADR in 2001.~~

~~Adoption of the restructured Regulations annexed to ADN in 2002 for application by Member States as from 1 January 2003 and for submission to the ADN Administrative Committee as soon as ADN enters into force. Publication of the restructured annexed regulations in 2003.~~

Priority: 1

2. By the Ad hoc meeting of experts on the follow-up to the Convention on Civil Liability for Damage caused during the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, Rail and Inland Navigation Vessels (CRTD)

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~~———— Consultation with experts from all sectors concerned by the CRTD and development of proposals of amendments to the articles of CRTD which would provide a better basis for application of the CRTD to the various modes of transport. Preparation of a draft revised convention for adoption by the Inland Transport Committee.~~

OUTPUT EXPECTED

Adoption of a revised CRTD by the Inland Transport Committee in 2004.

Priority: 1

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