

Inland Transport Committee**Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods****Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (ADN Safety Committee)****Twentieth session**

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Any other business

Exchange of experience on sections 7.1.5.4.3 and 7.2.5.4.3 of ADN**Transmitted by the German Government****Introduction**

1. Dry cargo vessels or tank vessels that have to carry blue cones or lights and are to berth outside of berthing areas specifically designated by a competent authority must keep certain minimum distances from residential areas, civil engineering structures and storage tanks according to sections 7.1.5.4.3 and 7.2.5.4.3 of ADN.
2. However, no minimum distances or other criteria are specified in the ADN to designate berthing areas by a local competent authority.
3. To date, Germany has applied the rules specified in sections 7.1.5.4.3 and 7.2.5.4.3 for berthing outside of berthing areas specifically designated by a competent authority also for the designation of berthing areas by the competent authorities. However, occasionally conflicts emerge if after designating the berthing areas residential areas or civil engineering structures are established at smaller distances.

Request

4. Germany asks the delegations of other Contracting Parties for information on what minimum distances they apply, if any, for designating berthing areas by a competent authority regarding sections 7.1.5.4.3 and 7.2.5.4.3 and whether they are able to enforce compliance with these minimum distances for subsequent planning projects.
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