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Proposals for amendments to the Regulations annexed to ADN:

Other proposals

ADN 8.6.3 Checklist

Transmitted by the Government of the Netherlands

Introduction

1. Tank vessels are only allowed to be loaded or unloaded when the Checklist shown in 8.6.3 of ADN has been completed and questions 1 to 18 of the list in part 3 have been checked off with an "X" and answered with "Yes" (ADN 7.2.4.10.1 and Checklist, page 2).
2. However, it seems that not all the requirements in the questions on page 3 and 4 of the Checklist are explicitly mentioned in the ADN. For example this is the case for some of the questions listed under No.6 ("Ship-shore connection"). In the opinion of the Dutch delegation, the Checklist should therefore not contain requirements that are not already part of the ADN. And if so, it is the preference of the Dutch delegation to amend to ADN by adding new provisions and not to change the Checklist.
3. Also, some questions in the Checklist are not always in compliance with the current practice. For example, question No. 6.3, "Are all the connecting bolts fitted and tightened?" is not applicable when a claw is used to connect the loading and unloading piping.

Proposal

4. The Netherlands is seeking the view of the ADN Committee on the general principle that the Checklist (pages 3 and 4) in 8.6.3 should not contain any requirements that are not required by other provisions of the ADN. If the Safety Committee agrees with this principle, new provisions should be added to the ADN to assure that all the requirements of the Checklist are also covered by other ADN provisions.
 5. If the Safety Committee supports this view, the Dutch delegation will prepare a formal proposal to amend the ADN accordingly. Also, the Checklist will be screened for any requirements which have to be adjusted to current practice.
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