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EUROPEAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE  
OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY INLAND WATERWAYS (ADN)

GENEVA, 26 MAY 2000

PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS ANNEXED TO THE ADN

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

On 28 August 2008, the Secretary-General received from the Administrative Committee of the above Agreement, pursuant to Article 20 (4) of the Agreement, draft amendments to the Regulations annexed to the Agreement which consist of replacing annexes A, B.1, B.2, C, D.1 and D.2 of the annexed Regulations by Parts 1 to 9 of documents ECE/TRANS/190 and ECE/TRANS/190/Corr.1, except section 3.2.2 of Part 3, the note under paragraph 2.1.2.2 of Part 2, and footnote a/ to paragraph 2.1.2.2 of Part 2, as modified by documents ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/26, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/26/Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/26/Add.1 and ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/26/Add.2.

In accordance with Article 20 (5) of the Agreement, the amendments will be deemed adopted unless, within a period of three months from this notification, at least one-third of the Contracting Parties, or five of them if one-third exceeds that figure, have given the Secretary-General written notification of their objection to the proposed amendments. If the amendments are deemed to be accepted, they shall enter into force for all the Contracting Parties, on the expiry of a further period of three months, i.e. on 28 February 2009.

Reference is made in this respect to Article 20 (4) and (5) of the Agreement, which reads as follows:

"4. Decisions on proposed amendments and proposed draft amendments submitted to the Administrative Committee in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting. However, a draft amendment shall not be deemed adopted if, immediately after the vote, five members present declare their objection to it. Adopted draft amendments shall be communicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Contracting Parties for acceptance.

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5. Any draft amendment to the annexed Regulations communicated for acceptance in accordance with paragraph 4 shall be deemed to be accepted unless, within three months from the date on which the Secretary-General circulates it, at least one-third of the Contracting Parties, or five of them if one-third exceeds that figure, have given the Secretary-General written notification of their objection to the proposed amendment. If the amendment is deemed to be accepted, it shall enter into force for all the Contracting Parties, on the expiry of a further period of three months, except in the following cases:

- (a) In cases where similar amendments to other international agreements governing the carriage of dangerous goods have already entered into force, or will enter into force at a different date, the Secretary-General may decide, upon written request by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe, that the amendment shall enter into force on the expiry of a different period so as to allow the simultaneous entry into force of these amendments with those to be made to such other agreements or, if not possible, the quickest entry into force of this amendment after the entry into force of such amendments to other agreements; such period shall not, however, be of less than one month's duration.
- (b) The Administrative Committee may specify, when adopting a draft amendment, for the purpose of entry into force of the amendment, should it be accepted, a period of more than three months' duration."

The text in the English, French and Russian languages of the draft Parts 1 to 9 as contained in document ECE/TRANS/190 and the corrigendum thereto can be accessed on the website of the Transport Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe at the following address: <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/adnreg2007.html>.

The documents containing the proposed amendments to the Regulations (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/26 and Corr.1 and Adds. 1 and 2) can be accessed on the website of the Transport Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe at the following address: <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/ac2/ac2rep.html>.

In accordance with the Agreement, the French text is the only authentic text of the annexed Regulations. The English and Russian texts of the Regulations are translations prepared by the Secretary-General.

8 September 2008



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\* The present depositary notification is being reissued for technical reasons only. As such, the date of the original depositary notification, i.e., **31 August 2008**, remains applicable should States wish to or are required to respond to the Secretary-General within a specified timeframe.

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