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**Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**

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Work of the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting

**Flexible bulk container (FBC)**

**Transmitted by the International Dangerous Goods and Containers Association (IDGCA)**

**Background**

1. UN recommendations on transport of dangerous goods (TDG) accept the application of flexible containers to the bulk goods (FBC, BK3 – further-BK3).
2. Chapters 4.3, 6.9, 7.3, 7.6 and 7.7 in IMDG Code accept the application of BK3 if they are arranged closely not more than in three tires in cargo holds. However, transportation of BK3 inside transportation units is not allowed.
3. In order to confirm that BK3 meets the requirements of UN recommendations on TDG in the article 6.8.5, in March-April 2014, BK3 were tested in Saint-Petersburg at Krylov State Research Center. BK3 were tested sequentially (top-lift test, topple-righting- tear and staking test). Testing of BK3 containers have shown satisfactory results. Test methodology and protocols had been submitted in informal documents INF.33/Add.1 on the 96<sup>th</sup> session of Working Party on the TDG and INF.6 on the 25<sup>th</sup> ADN session. The fact of the testing confirmed the presence of the required test equipment for this type BK3.
4. On the 97<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods has been decided to include the use of containers BK3 in ADR 2017 in form in which it had been adopted by the RID / ADN / ADR Joint Meeting and reflected in document ECE / TRANS / WP.15 / AC.1 / 132 / Add.2, but taking into account the subsequent amendments of the RID / ADN / ADR Joint Meeting and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

**Proposal**

1. We are requesting the experts of ADN Safety Committee to adopt certain conditions concerning the use of soft bulk containers by inland waterways in form in which it had been adopted by the RID / ADN / ADR Joint Meeting and reflected in document ECE / TRANS / WP.15 / AC.1 / 132 / Add.2 and include the appropriate regulations to ADN 2017.