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Amendments to Chapter 6, "Rules of the Road"

Proposal submitted by the Chairman of the informal working group on CEVNI

Note by the secretariat

At its thirty-second session, the Working Party took note of the creation of an informal working group on CEVNI, composed of the representatives of Austria, Central Commission for the navigation of the Rhine, Danube Commission, International Sava River Basin Commission and the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/64, para. 8). The aim of the group was to prepare amendment proposals to CEVNI, Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine, Basic Rules of Navigation on the Danube and Rules for the Navigation on Sava River, based on the analysis of the differences between these four documents, prepared by Austria (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2008/6). The preliminary results of this work were presented at the thirty-third session of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/66, paras. 9-10) and the first draft of the amendment proposals to Chapters 1-6 was reviewed by the Working Party at its thirty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/66, paras. 8-20).

The present document contains the amendment proposals related to Chapter 6 entitled “Rules of the road” prepared by the informal working group on CEVNI based on the decisions of the thirty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/66, para. 18). The additions to the original text are highlighted in bold and the text to be deleted is highlighted in strike-through.

The Working Party may wish to decide to recommend that the Working Party on Inland Water Transport adopt these amendments at its fifty-third session in October 2009.

AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 6, “RULES OF THE ROAD”

1. Amendments to Article 6.01 – Application and definitions

- (a) Delete paragraph 1
- (b) Delete paragraph 2
- (c) Amend paragraph 3 to read

~~3.~~ **1.** For the purposes of this chapter, the following ~~terms~~ **definitions** are used:

(a) **“Upstream” on a navigational channel means the direction towards the source of the river, including sections where the current changes with the tide. On canals, the direction shall be determined by the competent authorities and the term “in the direction from point A to point B” shall be used;**

~~(a)~~ (b) **“Meeting”**: where two vessels are proceeding on courses directly or almost directly opposite;

~~(b)~~ (c) **“Overtaking”**: where a vessel (the overtaking vessel) comes up to another vessel (the vessel being overtaken) from a direction more than 22.5° abaft the latter vessel’s beam and overtakes it;

~~(c)~~ (d) **“Crossing”**: where two vessels are approaching in a situation other than the cases referred to under (a) and (b).

2. Amendments to Article 6.03 – General principles

- (a) In paragraph 1 replace crossing with meeting
- (b) In paragraph 2 replace 6.05 with 6.10
- (c) Delete paragraph 4
- (d) Add a new paragraph 4 to read
4. A boatmaster seeing any danger of collision shall sound a series of very short blasts.
- (e) Delete footnote 58

3. Amendments to Article 6.04 – Meeting: Normal rules

- (a) Delete the second column (Class II)
- (b) Amend paragraph 7 to read
When two small crafts are meeting and there may be a risk of collision, each vessel shall veer to starboard so as to pass on the port side of the other.

4. Amendments to Article 6.05 – **Meeting: Departures from normal rules**
 - (a) Delete the second column (Class II)
 - (b) Amend the wording and the structure of paragraph 1 as follows
By derogation from the provisions of article 6.04, ~~vessels or towed convoys in one of the following categories:~~
 - (a) Passenger vessels providing a regular service and whose authorized maximum passenger capacity is not below a number prescribed by the competent authority, when proceeding downstream and wishing to call at a landing-stage on the side used by vessels proceeding upstream; and
 - (b) Towed convoys proceeding downstream which wish to keep close to a particular bank in order to turn upstreamhave the right to ask vessels proceeding upstream to change the course left clear for them in accordance with article 6.04 above if that course does not suit them.
However, they may not so ask unless certain that their request can be safely met.
5. Amendments to Article 6.06 – **Meeting boats towed from the bank**
 - (a) Replace the current article 6.06 with the following article
Meeting: high speed vessels.
The provisions referred to in article 6.04 and 6.05 shall not apply in the event of a meeting between high-speed vessels and between a high-speed vessel and any other vessel. However, high-speed vessels shall agree on their meeting using radiotelephony.
6. Amendments to Article 6.07 - Meeting in narrow channels
 - (a) In paragraph 2 delete A boatmaster seeing any danger of collision shall sound a series of very short blasts
7. Amendments to Article 6.08 – **Meeting prohibited by waterway signs**
 - (a) Delete paragraph 3 and add a relevant entry in Chapter 9
8. Amendments to Article 6.10 – **Overtaking**
 - (a) In paragraph 1 replace the second sentence with
When overtaking is possible without danger of a collision, the overtaking vessel is allowed to pass also on starboard side of the vessel being overtaken.
 - (b) Move the current paragraph 3 at the end of paragraph 1
 - (c) Put the current paragraph 2 as paragraph 6
 - (d) Renumber the current paragraph 4 as paragraph 2
 - (e) Renumber the current paragraph 5 as paragraph 3
 - (f) Renumber the current paragraph 6 as paragraph 4
 - (g) Renumber the current paragraph 7 as paragraph 5
 - (h) Renumber the current paragraph 8 as paragraph 7
 - (i) In the new paragraph 7 replace 4 to 7 with 2 to 6
 - (j) Delete footnote 63

9. Amendments to Article 6.11 – Overtaking prohibited by waterway signs
 - (a) Add an entry in Chapter 9 with the following content
With respect to Article 6.11 (b), competent authorities may also except the situation when one of the convoys is a side-by-side formation whose maximum dimensions do not exceed 110 m x 23 m.
10. Amendments to Article 6.12 - Navigation on sections where the course is prescribed
 - (a) Delete footnote 64
11. Amendments to Article 6.16 – Harbours and tributary waterways: entering and leaving; leaving followed by crossing the waterway
 - (a) In paragraph 2 after course, or speed, vessels add except ferry-boats.
12. Amendments to Article 6.17 – Sailing abreast
 - (a) In the title of the article add and prohibition to approach vessels.
13. Amendments to Article 6.19 – Drifting
 - (a) In paragraph 1 at the end of the first sentence add prohibited without permission from the competent authorities
 - (b) In paragraph 1 delete the second sentence
14. Amendments to Article 6.21 – Convoy
 - (a) In paragraph 3 at the beginning add
Motorized vessels may not, except for rescue or assistance to a vessel in distress, be used for towing, pushing or propelling a side-by-side formation, unless such a use is allowed in their ship's certificate.
 - (b) Delete footnote 65
15. Amendments to Article 6.21 bis – Relocation of pushed barges outside a pushed convoy
 - (a) Add a new provision (c) to read
(c) Being coupled side-by-side with vessel which has a steering device and a sufficient crew.
16. Amendments to Article 6.23 – Rules applicable to ferry-boats
 - (a) Delete footnote 66
17. Amendments to Article 6.25 – Passage under fixed bridges
 - (a) In paragraph 1 replace bays with openings
 - (b) At the end of paragraph 2 add In this case, the entrance of the other side is marked with the sign A.1 (Annex 7).

18. Amendments to Article 6.26 – Passage under movable bridges
- (a) In the title and in the text of the article replace passage under movable bridges with passage through movable bridges
 - (b) At the end of paragraph 1 add a new sentence to read
The boatmaster of a vessel shall announce his intention to navigate through the bridge to the bridge operators by means of a long blast or radiotelephone.
 - (c) Add a new paragraph 6 to read
The bridge operator is obliged to have on or near the bridge a radiotelephone device corresponding to the provisions of Article 4.05. For the entire duration of the navigation through the bridge, the radiotelephone device must remain switched on.
19. Amendments to Article 6.27 – Passage through weirs
- (a) Delete paragraph 1
 - (b) Delete paragraph 4
 - (c) Renumber paragraph 3 as paragraph 1
20. Amendments to Article 6.28 – Passage through locks
- (a) Delete footnote 67
21. Amendments to Article 6.30 – General rules for navigation in reduced visibility; use of radar
- (a) Amend paragraph 1 to read
In reduced visibility, all vessels shall navigate by radar
 - (b) Amend paragraph 2 as follows
Vessels under way in reduced visibility shall proceed at a safe speed as required by the reduced visibility and the presence and movements of other vessels and local circumstances. ~~The radiotelephone installation shall be placed on listening watch on the channel allocated to the ship to ship network and~~ They shall use the radiotelephone to give other vessels the necessary information for safety of navigation. **Small vessels under way in reduced visibility shall use ship--ship channel or the channel prescribed by the competent authorities.**
 - (c) Delete footnote 68
 - (d) Add a new paragraph 5 to read
5. Towed convoys shall immediately proceed to the nearest safe berth, if a communication with visual sign, between the towed vessel and the motorized vessel, is not possible. For towed convoys proceeding downstream, navigation using the radar installation is prohibited. For such towed convoys provisions of the Article 6.33 are applicable.
22. Amendments to Article 6.31 - Sound signals when stationary
- (a) Delete the second column (Class II)
 - (b) Move the current paragraph 2 at the end of paragraph 1

- (c) Move paragraph 3 to paragraph 2 and replace provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 with provisions of paragraph 1
- (d) Renumber paragraph 5 as paragraph 3

23. Amendments to Article 6.32 – Navigation by radar

- (a) Delete the second column (Class II)
- (b) Move the definition in paragraph 1 to Article 1.01 amended as follows
Navigation by radar - navigation, in conditions of reduced visibility, using the radar
- (c) Delete paragraph 1
- (d) In paragraph 2 1 replace diploma with certificates
- (e) In paragraph 2 replace 4.05 with 4.06
- (f) In paragraph 2 amend the last sentence to read
However if the wheelhouse is designed for radar navigation by one person, it is sufficient that the second person can, if necessary, be summoned to the wheelhouse immediately.
- (g) Renumber paragraph 2 as paragraph 1
- (h) Renumber the following paragraphs
- (i) Delete footnote 70
- (j) Amend the old paragraph 7 as follows
In convoys ~~and side-by-side formations~~, the requirements of paragraphs 1-6 above shall apply only to the vessel carrying the boatmaster of the convoy ~~or formation~~.

24. Amendments to Article 6.33 – Provisions for vessels not navigating by radar

- (a) Delete the second column (Class II)
- (b) In paragraph 1 Replace the first sentence with
Vessels and convoys not navigating by radar shall immediately proceed to the nearest safe berth.
- (c) Delete footnote 71
- (d) Renumber second (b) and (c) as, respectively, (c) and (d)
- (e) Add a new paragraph 2 to read
2. Ferry-boats not navigating by radar shall, instead of the signal prescribed in paragraph 1 above, give as a fog-signal one long blast followed by four short blasts; this signal shall be repeated at intervals of not more than one minute.

25. Amendments to Article 6.34 – Special priorities

- (a) Amend paragraph 1 as follows
 - 1. When meeting or crossing the course of:
 - (a) A vessel showing the marking referred to in article 3.34;
 - (b) A vessel showing the marking referred to in article 3.35; ~~other vessels shall give way.~~
other vessels shall give way.

26. Amendments to Article 6.35 – Water skiing and similar activities

- (a) At the end of paragraph 1 add the following sentence

The competent authorities may mark the sections in which such activities are permitted or prohibited

- (b) Delete footnote 72
- (c) Delete footnote 73

27. Amendments to Article 6.36 – Conduct of, and in respect of, fishing vessels

- (a) In paragraph 1 after several vessels abreast add
and setting of fishing equipment in or near a fairway and on berthing areas
- (b) Delete footnote 74

28. Amendments to Article 6.37 – Conduct of, and in respect of, underwater divers for sport

- (a) Amend the title as follows
Conduct of, and in respect of, underwater divers ~~for sport~~
- (b) Amend the paragraph 1 as follows
Underwater diving ~~for sport~~ shall be prohibited, **without a special permission**, in areas where navigation might be hindered, particularly:
 - (a) On the normal course of vessels showing the marking referred to in article 3.16;
 - (b) At entrances to **and in** harbours;
 - (c) Near **and on** berthing areas;
 - (d) In areas reserved for water skiing or similar activities;
 - (e) **On fairways;**
 - (f) **In ports.**
- (c) Delete footnote 75
