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## **FURTHER HARMONIZATION OF TECHNICAL PRESCRIPTIONS ON THE PAN- EUROPEAN LEVEL**

Transmitted by the Danube Commission

### Note by the secretariat

In the context of the discussions held by the Working Party on the measures of further harmonization of technical prescriptions in the UNECE region, the secretariat reproduces below the decision taken at the seventy-first session of the Danube Commission on the mutual recognition of ship's certificates for inland navigation vessels.

## **DECISION**

**Taken at the seventy-first session of the Danube Commission**

**On the mutual recognition of ship's certificates for inland navigation vessels**

*(adopted on 10 December 2008)*

With respect to the issue of recognition of ship's certificates for the Member States of the Danube Commission's Members-States, which are not member of the European Union,

The Danube Commission at its seventy-first session DECIDES the following:

1. On the basis of the Belgrade convention and taking into account the EC Directive 2006/87/EC, all Member States of the Danube Commission shall recognize as valid for navigation on the inland waterways, which are covered by the Convention on the navigation regime on the Danube, the national documents issued in accordance with the

recommendations of the Danube Commission, UNECE Resolution No. 61 and Directive 2006/87/EC.

2. The Danube Commission shall intensify its efforts to bring the Recommendations of the Danube Commission in line with the latest version of UNECE Resolution No. 61 and shall call upon its Member States to implement, as soon as possible, these Recommendations, bearing no prejudice to the obligations of the EU Member States with respect to the implementation of Directive 2006/87/EC.
3. The Danube Commission shall transmit a written communication to the General Directorate on Energy and Transport of the European Commission on the ruling taken in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Decision.
4. The present Decision enters into force on the day of its adoption.

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