Proposal for a derogation regarding the use of LNG for propulsion – draft recommendation

Recommendations by the Rhine Vessel Inspection Regulations (RVIR) regarding the use of LNG as fuel

Transmitted by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR)

1. On 5 December 2011, the CCNR working group Inspection Regulation approved in principle the requested recommendations according to Article 2.19 No. 3 RVIR on the approval of the use of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) as fuel for tank motor vessel Argonon, tank motor vessel DRT 1145-EL as well as I-Tanker (yard no. 1401) and I-Tanker (yard no. 1402). The working group has agreed on a written procedure for final editorial changes and the transmission of still missing studies for tank motor vessel DRT 1145-EL as well as I-Tanker (yard no. 1401) and I-Tanker (yard no. 1402) to be completed for tank motor vessel Argonon by the end of January and for the other vessels by the end of February 2012. Provided that no unexpected questions regarding the content arise, the recommendations will be formally approved in January and February.

2. The final draft of the recommendation for tank motor vessel Argonon is expected to be completed in December 2011.