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Recreational navigation**National legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft****Note by the secretariat****I. Introduction**

1. The secretariat reproduces below new responses submitted by Governments on national rules governing access to inland waterways by recreational craft in the ECE region.
2. The Working Party may wish to consider this information and invite Governments which have not yet done so¹ to submit this information to the secretariat by 5 December 2012.

II. National legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft on national waterways of the UNECE member States**A. Hungary**

3. There are three regulations in effect in Hungary affecting recreational watercraft and their use:
 - (a) decree 2/2000. (VII. 26.) KoViM on the design, construction and certification of recreational watercraft;

¹ The Governments concerned are Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.

- (b) decree 15/2001. (IV. 27.) KoViM on navigation qualifications;
- (c) decree 57/2011. (XI. 22.) NFM on the rules of transport by water.

B. Lithuania

4. The navigation of recreational craft on the inland waterways of Lithuania is governed by the following legal acts:

- (a) Order No. 3-327 of 10 September 2008 of the Minister of Transport of Lithuania “Rules of the Road of the State Maritime Port of Klaipeda”;
- (b) Order No. V-72 of 7 June 2010 of the Director of the Administration for the Safety of Navigation of Lithuania;
- (c) Order No. 3-13 of 18 January 2006 of the Minister of Transport of Lithuania “Regulations on the Registration of Inland Water Transport Vessels”;
- (d) Order No. 3-335 of 1 July 2002 of the Minister of Transport of Lithuania “Regulations on the Investigation of Incidents involving Inland Water Transport Vessels”.

C. Russian Federation

5. Recreational navigation on inland waterways of the Russian Federation is regulated by the following main legal acts:

(a) Inland Water Transport Code of the Russian Federation (No. 24 – Φ3) of 7 March 2001, including amendments introduced by the Federal Law No. 36 – Φ3 of 23 April 2012 and Federal Law No. 131 – Φ3 of 28 July 2012, introducing a definition of pleasure craft, i.e. a vessel, in which the total number of people must not exceed 18, with no more than 12 passengers, and which is used for non-commercial purposes and is intended for recreation on bodies of water; the procedure and authorities responsible for the registration of pleasure craft are defined;

(b) Act No. 349 on “Approval of provisions regarding the certification of crew members of inland navigation vessels” of 31 May 2005, which defines the rules for the issuance of certificates to boatmasters of pleasure craft;

(c) Order No. 129 of 14 October 2002 of the Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation on “Approval of Rules of Navigation on the Inland Waterways of the Russian Federation”;

6. Navigation of pleasure craft under flags of foreign States is regulated by the following legal acts:

(a) Rules of Navigation on Inland Waterways of the Russian Federation for Sport Sail Vessels and Pleasure Craft Under Flags of Foreign States, adopted by the Governmental Decree of the Russian Federation No. 472 on 12 May 2012;

(b) The list of ports open for calling of vessels under flags of foreign States and the list of inland waterways of the Russian Federation on which navigation of vessels under flags of foreign States is admitted, adopted by Governmental Decree of the Russian Federation No. 734-p on 5 May 2012.

7. Furthermore, the following legal acts apply to pleasure craft navigating on the territory of the Russian Federation:

(a) Technical Regulations concerning the “Safety of Inland Water Transport Objects” adopted by the Governmental Decree of the Russian Federation No. 633 of 12 August 2010, establishing requirements for vessels of projects which have been approved and construction contracts concluded from 23 February 2012, as well as materials and equipment for vessels, manufactured since 23 February 2012.

(b) Technical Regulations of the Customs Union concerning “The Safety of Small Craft” (TP TC 026/2012) adopted by the decision No. 33 of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission on 15 June 2012, which enters into force on 1 February 2014.

8. These documents are available at: www.consultant.ru.

9. The Russian River Register also publishes instructions on “Technical prescriptions for classification, construction and certification of pleasure craft”.

D. Serbia

10. The navigation of recreational craft on the inland waterways of Serbia is governed by the following legal acts:

(a) Rulebook on determination of seaworthiness of boats and floating establishments (“Official Gazette” No. 28/96);

(b) Rulebook on the programme and training method of examining operators of pleasure craft (“Official Gazette” No. 18/97);

(c) Rulebook on manning for vessels other than inland navigation ships of the merchant marine (“Official Gazette” No. 49/06);

(d) Rulebook on register and licence for boats and floating establishments (“Official Gazette” No. 111/07);

(e) Rulebook on specific medical conditions to be met by persons authorized to perform work on vessels of the merchant marine (“Official Gazette” No. 23/83 and No. 27/83);
