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## **Working Party on Inland Water Transport**

### **Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation**

#### **Fortieth session**

Geneva, 15–17 February 2012

Item 7 of the provisional agenda

#### **Resolution No. 61, “Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels”**

## **Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Group of Volunteers**

### **Submitted by the Group of Volunteers**

#### **1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

The fifth meeting of the Group of Volunteers was held from 6 till 9 September 2011 in Budapest.

The following experts took part in the meeting:

Mr. Karol Anda, Chief Engineer of the Danube Commission Secretariat

Mr. Danail Nedialkov, Technical Adviser to the Secretariat of the Danube Commission

Mr. Valery Lobastov, Russian River Register, the Russian Federation

Mrs. Victoria Ivanova, Russian River Register, the Russian Federation

Mr. Willem Zondag, Consultant, the Netherlands

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Willem Zondag.

From the following persons information was received that they could not participate in the meeting: Mr. Bone (UK), Mr. Claeysens, (Belgium) and Mr. Mulder, (EC)

The group adopted the following agenda which is attached.

#### **2. Considerations of additional comments from SC.3/WP.3 to the proposed amendments to Chapter 1-2, “Definitions”**

Since no additional comments to the proposed amendments to Chapter 1-2 were received., the group recommends to submit the Informal document Nr. 13 as an official document to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport for its fifty fifth session.

Further the group expressed to be prepared to cooperate in future on harmonizing the definitions used in Resolution No. 61 and in CEVNI as far as reasonable.

### **3. Minimum technical requirements for computers installed on vessels**

The group took note of the comments of the UK and the CCNR as presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP/2011/13., and revised Section 7-3A on the basis of the version as presented in aforementioned document accordingly. The group recommends to submit the revised version of the draft proposal for a new section 7-3A to the Working Party.

### **4. Chapter 17 “Specific requirements applicable to floating equipment”**

The group discussed and finalized the draft proposal for a new Chapter 17 “Specific requirements applicable to floating equipment”. For reasons of ensuring the equivalent safety requirements to location of accommodation spaces and installations as well as equivalence between the proposed draft chapter and Chapter 17 of Directive 2006/87/EC, the group proposes to add a new section 3-4.1.9 to Chapter 3 of the Resolution. as follows: *“No accommodation or installations needed for vessel safety or operation may be located ahead of the plane of the collision bulkhead. This requirement shall not apply to anchor gear.”*

The group recommends to submit the Draft proposal of Chapter 17 and the proposal for a new section 3-4.1.9 to the Working Party.

### **5. Chapter 18 “Specific requirements applicable to worksite craft”**

The group discussed and finalized the draft proposal for a new Chapter 18 “Specific requirements applicable to worksite craft”. In order to achieve full equivalence of requirements of Chapter 10 and new Chapter 18 of Resolution No. 61 with Chapters 10 and 18 of Directive 2006/87/EC respectively, the group proposes to have on its next agenda a proposal on amending section 10-1.4 of the resolution (Chains and cables) as regards to tensile strength calculations of mooring ropes and towing cables.

The group recommends to submit the Draft proposal of Chapter 18 to the Working Party.

### **6. Coupling devices**

The group discussed and finalized the draft proposal for a new section 20B-8, “Specific requirements applicable to pushed river- sea navigation vessels” and recommends to submit the Draft proposal to the Working Party.

### **7. Requirements for lifejackets for children**

The group considered the documents ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76 (VII)(30) and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP3/2011/5/Rev.1 and agreed to introduce the text proposed as amendment to article 1.08 of CEVNI into section 15-9.1 of Resolution 61. The group recommends to submit a proposal amending section 15-9.1 to the Working Party as follows: *“In addition to the life jackets specified in 10-5.4.2.1 (iii) and 10-5.4.3 (ii) passenger vessels shall be supplied with additional rigid lifejackets for children up to a*

*weight of 30 kg or to an age of 6 years in quantity equal to 10 per cent of the total number of passengers.”*

**Future work**

The group proposes the following issues to be dealt with in future:

- (1) to align Chapter 4 of Resolution 61 with the equivalent Chapter of Directive 2006/87/EC – to be prepared by the Russian Federation;
- (2) To align Chapter 8A of Resolution 61 with the latest developments of Directive 97/68/EEC
- (3) To align section 10-1.4 of Resolution 61 (Chains and cables) with respective Articles of Directive 2006/87/EC – to be prepared by WZ
- (4) To amend section 11-4 of Resolution 61 according to the latest developments in Directive 2006/87/EC – to be prepared by WZ

**7. Next meeting**

The Group decided to hold its next meeting in January 2012. The place and exact date will be forwarded to the members of the Group.

8. The Group expressed its gratitude to the Danube Commission for the organisation and hosting of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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