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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the forty-third session^{1, 2}

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 26 June 2013

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Inland waterway infrastructure:
 - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN);

¹ For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/wp3/wp3age.html. During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

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- (b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”);
 - (c) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, revised).
3. European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revised):
 - (a) Status of amendments to CEVNI;
 - (b) Amendments to chapters 1–8 and annexes 1–8;
 - (c) Revision of chapter 10, “Prevention of pollution of water and disposal of waste occurring on board vessels”.
4. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation.
5. Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised).
6. UNECE Convention on the Measurement of Inland Navigation Vessels.
7. Establishment of common principles and technical requirements for pan-European River Information Services (RIS):
 - (a) International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT);
 - (b) Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (RIS) (Resolution No. 57, revised).
8. Pan-European Rules on General Average in Inland Navigation.
9. Recreational navigation.
10. Other business:
 - (a) Diesel engine exhausts;
 - (b) Introduction of a theme topic for SC.3 sessions.
11. Tentative timetable.
12. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/85

2. Inland waterway infrastructure

Following the completion of the second revision of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network ("Blue Book") and the amendment of the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN), the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (hereafter, the Working Party or SC.3/WP.3) may wish to consider the current status of implementation of the AGN.

(a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN)

At its forty-second session, the Working Party considered the draft annex IV to the AGN and requested the secretariat to formulate a generic text for provisions covering issues of security in inland navigation for inclusion into the body of the AGN, rather than in a new annex thereto (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/84, para. 13).

The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal of the secretariat reproduced in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/8, modify it as appropriate and transmit it to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) for further consideration and adoption.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/8

(b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network ("Blue Book")

At its forty-second session, the Working Party was informed that several updates of the parameters of the E waterway network had been received by the secretariat and that these had been incorporated into the UNECE online Blue Book database. The Working Party requested the secretariat to collate the updated data and publish it as an addendum to the Blue Book on a regular basis (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/84, para. 19). The Working Party may wish to consider these amendment proposals (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/9), modify them as appropriate and transmit them to SC.3 for consideration and adoption.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/9

(c) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, revised)

The Working Party will be informed about the progress in eliminating bottlenecks and completing missing links based on information submitted by Governments in response to the questionnaire for this session. The Working Party may wish to consider revising the list

of most important bottlenecks and missing links, as set out in the annex to Resolution No. 49, revised, on the basis of available information.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.1

3. European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revised)

(a) Status of amendments to CEVNI

It is recalled that since the adoption of CEVNI 4 by SC.3 on 6 November 2009 and its corrigendum of 13 October 2010 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/187, para. 23), three amendment packages had been adopted by SC.3, which are to be consolidated in CEVNI 5.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2010/6,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2011/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2012/5

(b) Amendments to chapters 1–8 and annexes 1–8

The Working Party will have before it, a set of proposed amendments to CEVNI prepared by the secretariat based on proposals transmitted as Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 4 (2013) by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) at the forty-second session of SC.3/WP.3. The CCNR proposal identified provisions in CEVNI that might be modified to align them with the respective provisions in the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine (RPNR) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/10 and Adds 1–2).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/10 and Adds 1–2

(c) Revision of chapter 10, “Prevention of pollution of water and disposal of waste occurring on board vessels”

The Working Party will be informed about the progress made by the CEVNI Expert Group, which met on 24–25 June 2012, in its consideration of the draft chapter 10 of CEVNI.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/12,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/13 and Add.1, and Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 12 (2012)

4. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation

At its forty-second session the Working Party agreed on a preliminary agenda for the International Expert Group (IEG) on modernizing boatmasters’ certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/84, para. 40). The Working Party will be informed about new developments in this field by the European Commission (EC) and CCNR. Based on this information, the Working Party may wish to decide on further action in this field.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2012/4

5. Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised)

The Working Party will have before it the provisions contained in chapters 15a, “Specific requirements for passenger sailing vessels”, and 22a, “Specific requirements applicable to craft longer than 110 m”, of EU Directive 2006/87/EC (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/11). It may wish to provide guidance to the Group of Volunteers on Resolution No. 61 on introducing these provisions into the Resolution.

The Working Party will be informed about new developments in the amendment proposals to chapter 23, “Crews”, of the Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels of the Danube Commission (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/84, para. 46). The Working Party may wish to consider possibly aligning chapter 23 of the annex to Resolution No. 61 with that of the Danube Recommendations. The secretariat has prepared amendment proposals, as a basis for discussion, from this chapter of the Danube Recommendations (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/12).

The Working Party will be informed about the seventh meeting of the Group of Volunteers held in June 2013 and may wish to discuss any further amendment proposals to Resolution No. 61.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1–2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/11, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/12

6. UNECE Convention on the Measurement of Inland Navigation Vessels

The Working Party may wish to consider the UNECE Convention on the Measurement of Inland Navigation Vessels adopted in 1996, on the basis of a background document prepared by the secretariat. Given the importance of this instrument for inland water transport, the Working Party may enquire why this Convention has not yet been ratified by some important inland navigation States in the ECE region.

Documentation

E/ECE/626-E/ECE/TRANS/546, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/13

7. Establishment of common principles and technical requirements for pan-European River Information Services (RIS)**(a) International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT)**

The Working Party will have before it the text of the draft revised International Vessel Tracking and Tracing (VTT) Standard prepared by the Chair of the Expert Group on VTT (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/14). SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about available comments from Governments and River Commissions. The Working Party may wish to consider the VTT Expert Group’s proposal and agree on an adaptation of the VTT Standard, as reflected in the annex to Resolution No. 63 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/14

(b) Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (RIS) (Resolution No. 57, revised)

The Working Party will be informed about any comments provided by Governments and River Commissions on the possible revision of Resolution No. 57, revised, (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/84, para. 53).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1

8. Pan-European Rules on General Average in Inland Navigation

At its forty-second session, the Working Party invited Serbia to submit its comments on the proposals of Ukraine contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/7/Add.1 and the Russian Federation to study Serbia's paper reproduced in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/6 and provide comments (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/84, para. 54). In addition the secretariat invited Governments and River Commissions to submit their views on whether the Working Party should seek legal guidance on this issue.

The Working Party may wish to consider the comments received by the secretariat, if any, and decide as appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/17 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/6

9. Recreational navigation

The Working Party may wish to consider including a list of bottlenecks and missing links into annex II of Resolution No. 52, revised, "Map of the European Recreational Inland Navigation Network (AGNP)" (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/84, para. 57). The proposed text for annex II of Resolution No. 52, revised, is reproduced in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/15.

The Working Party will have before it a proposal (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/16) on guidelines for the application of Resolution No. 40, revision 2, "International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft", based on input received from the European Boating Association (EBA) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/84, para. 62).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/16

10. Other business

(a) Diesel engine exhausts

In its questionnaire circulated for the session, the secretariat has invited UNECE member States to advise on the current application of the provisions of chapter 8a of the annex to Resolution No. 61, revised, "Exhaust and Pollutant Particulate Emissions from Diesel

Engines". The Working Party may wish to contribute to the secretariat discussion paper on diesel engine exhausts (Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 7 (2013)) based on this and any other relevant information.

(b) Introduction of a theme topic for SC.3 sessions

The Working Party may wish to consider the introduction of a theme topic for discussion at the forthcoming session of SC.3 taking account of some secretariat proposals (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/17).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/17

11. Tentative timetable

In accordance with the decision of the Working Party at its forty-second session, the meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group (CEG) will be held back-to-back with the present session of SC.3/WP.3 and will be extended to utilize also the first day of the Working Party session as indicated in the timetable below (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/84, para. 64).

<i>Date</i>	<i>Session</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Monday, 24 June 2013	CEG	2.00 – 6.00 p.m.	CEVNI draft chapter 10
Tuesday, 25 June 2013	CEG	9.00 – 12.30 a.m.	ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/10, Adds 1–2
	CEG	2.00 – 6.00 p.m.	As above (cont'd)
Wednesday, 26 June 2013	CEG	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	As above (cont'd)
	CEG	3.00 – 6.00 p.m.	As above (cont'd)
Thursday, 27 June 2013	SC.3/WP.3	9.00 – 12.00 a.m.	Agenda items 1–6
	SC.3/WP.3	2.00 – 5.00 p.m.	Agenda items 7–10
Friday, 28 June 2013	SC.3/WP.3	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Adoption of report

12. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the decisions taken at its forty-third session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.