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Article 1.22 - temporary requirements

1. At its twentieth meeting in June 2013, the CEVNI Expert Group adopted an amendment to paragraph 1 of article 1.22 based on a proposal by CCNR (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/10).
 2. CCNR also made a proposal for a new paragraph 2, which Belgium commented in informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 14 (2013). Subsequently, the CEVNI Expert Group invited Belgium to formulate a proposal on amending article 1.22, paragraph 2 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/86, para. 44).
 3. Belgium proposes to amend paragraph 2 as follows:
“Article 1.22 - Special temporary requirements
 1. Boatmasters shall comply with any temporary requirements issued by a competent authority in special circumstances to ensure safe and orderly navigation.
 2. These requirements may be justified by work carried out on the inland waterway, military exercises, public events within the meaning of article 1.23 or conditions of the waterway; they may, in specific sections where particular precautions are necessary and are indicated by buoys, beacons or other signs or by alarms, **restrict or prohibit navigation by night** or the passage of vessels with too large a draught.”.
 4. Belgium is of the opinion that the original text rather reads as a limitative scope that restricts the use of notices to skippers as regards both the motivation and possible restrictions to impose to shipping. For example, a blockage of vessel traffic, other than by night, is not added.
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