

Amendment proposal to Chapter 10 of CEVNI

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Chapter 10 of CEVNI requires an used-oil log and this has contributed to minimize the illegal discharge of used oil into the waterways.

The big increase in the number of passenger vessels in the recent years has led to many complaints about illegal discharge of domestic waste water and even sludge from on-board sewage plants. It is difficult to proof illegal discharge because it is not done when other vessels are nearby, and it is not required to document the discharge of waste water or sludge into the reception facilities.

There is no international regulation which allows the discharge of domestic waste water from vessels into the water. In some sensitive areas, the discharge of domestic waste water is completely forbidden, and in other areas there are limits regarding the number of persons on board and transitional provisions for existing vessels. According to article 10.02 of CEVNI, “the provisions on water protection and disposal of waste in effect for the waterway concerned must also be applied”. Which vessels are equipped with waste water collection tanks is also depending on the applicable technical regulations and the transitional provisions. However, domestic waste water that has been collected in a waste water collection tank should not be discharged into the water.

The discharge of sludge from on-board sewage plants is forbidden according to article 10.04, paragraph 1.

A documentation of discharge into reception facilities would facilitate inspections and help to minimize illegal discharge. The document could be required for all vessels with on-board sewage plants and all vessels with waste water collection tanks. As mentioned above, local regulations would still define in which cases domestic waste water can be discharged into the water, but the log would allow to check if waste water has been discharged.

As some reception facilities are issuing bills or other documents with the required data anyway, an entry in the waste water log could be replaced by such a document to prevent unnecessary administrative burdens. A similar solution has already been introduced in 8.1.11 of the Regulation annexed to ADN which requires a register of operations during the carriage of petrol in tank vessels. This register may consist of other documents containing the information required.

Proposed solution:

(a) *Amend* paragraph 4 of article 10.06:

4. Domestic waste water collected in waste water collection tanks, household refuse and sludge shall be deposited at reception facilities specially designated for this purpose.

(b) *Add* new paragraphs 5 to 7 of article 10.06:

“5. All vessels with on-board sewage plants and all vessels with waste water collection tanks shall carry on board a valid waste water log issued by a competent authority and in line with the model contained in annex 12. Following its renewal, the previous log must be kept on board for at least six months after the last entry made. Exceptions are admissible only if consistent with the provisions on water protection

and disposal of waste generated on board vessels in effect for the waterway concerned. The regulations of paragraphs 2 and 3 are also applicable for domestic waste water collected in on board waste water collection tanks and sludge.

6. Entries in the waste water log may be replaced by other documents issued by the reception facility, if they contain the required information:

- (a) [Type of vessel,]
- (b) [Name of vessel or]
- (c) Unique European Vessel Identification Number or official number,
- (d) Waste water from on board waste water collection tanks in l,
- (e) Sludge from on board waste water sewage plants in l,
- (f) Date and place,
- (g) Seal and signature of the reception facility.

7. Seal and signature of the reception facility in the waste water log can be replaced by the name and the signature of the boatmaster, if domestic waste water from a waste water collection tank is discharged into an appropriate public sewage system.”

(c) Add a new annex 12:

“Annex 12 MODEL WASTE WATER LOG

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	Order No:
..... Type of vessel Name of vessel
Unique European Vessel Identification Number or official number:
Place of issue:	.....
Date of issue:	.....
This log contains	..... pages.
Seal and signature of the authority issuing the log	

Issuance of waste water logs

The first waste water log, carrying order number 1 on page 1, shall be issued by a competent authority on presentation of a valid inspection certificate or another certificate recognized as its equivalent. This authority shall also enter the required particulars on page 1.

All subsequent logs, which are to be numbered sequentially, shall be by a competent authority. However, they shall be issued only upon presentation of the previous log. The previous log shall be stamped indelibly with the words "Not valid". Following its renewal, the previous log shall be kept on board for at least six months from the date of the last entry.

Entries in the waste water log may be replaced by other documents issued by the reception facility, if they contain the required information:

- (a) [Type of vessel,]
- (b) [Name of vessel or]
- (c) Unique European Vessel Identification Number or official number,
- (d) Waste water from on board waste water collection tanks in l,
- (e) Sludge from on board waste water sewage plants in l,
- (f) Date and place,
- (g) Seal and signature of the reception facility.

1. Accepted waste water and sludge:

1.1 Waste water from on board waste water collection tanks:	.....	l
1.2 Sludge from on board waste water sewage plants:	.....	l
1.3 Other wastes:	.....
	
	

2. Notes:

2.1 Unaccepted waste:	.....
2.2 Other comments:	.....

Place: Date:

Seal and signature of the reception facility