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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session^{**}

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday,
24 June 2020

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on inland navigation and actions to be undertaken under the framework of the Economic Commission for Europe.
3. Inland waterways infrastructure:
 - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance;
 - (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, revision 2).

* 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 ECE Sustainable Transport Division's website www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/wp3/wp3doc_2020.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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4. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
 - (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 5);
 - (b) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (resolution No. 61, revision 2);
 - (c) Prevention of pollution of inland waterways by vessels (resolution No. 21, revised).
5. Workshop “Circular economy in inland water transport”.
6. Automation in inland navigation.
7. Provisions for passenger daily trip vessels.
8. Promotion of River Information Services and other Information and Communication Technologies in inland navigation:
 - (a) International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (annex to resolution No. 63, revised);
 - (b) International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (annex to resolution No. 79);
 - (c) Other resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to River Information Services.
9. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation.
10. Terms and definitions related to inland water transport.
11. Recreational navigation:
 - (a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (resolution No. 40, fourth revision);
 - (b) Activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation.
12. Other business.
13. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (the Working Party or SC.3/WP.3) may wish to adopt the agenda of its fifty-seventh session on the basis of the provisional agenda, supplemented by the list of working and informal documents as set out in Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 11 (2020).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/113, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 11 (2020)

2. Impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on inland navigation and actions to be undertaken under the framework of the Economic Commission for Europe

The Working Party may wish to address the challenges related the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on inland navigation, including the restrictions of navigation, safety of crews and passengers, reception of wastes generated on board of vessels and other aspects. The Working Party may also wish to consider the lessons learned and provide recommendations for the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) on possible preventive measures and actions to be undertaken under the framework of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), including international agreements and SC.3 resolutions.

3. Inland waterways infrastructure

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

Member States are invited to inform the Working Party about the progress reached in the implementation of the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.4

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

The Working Party may wish to consider new amendment proposals, transmitted by member States to the third revised edition of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book).

Member States and other stakeholders are invited to report on the current progress in inland waterway infrastructure development projects.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.3 and Amends.1–2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/14

(c) Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E Waterway Network (resolution No. 49, revision 2)

The Working Party may wish to consider new amendment proposals, transmitted by member States to the second revised edition of the Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E Waterway Network (resolution No. 49, revision 2).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/14

4. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation

(a) European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 5)

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-third session to compare the fifth revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) with the Basic Rules of the Navigation on the Danube (DFND) and the Navigation Rules in the Sava River Basin (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/210, para. 53), SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the comparison results as contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/15 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/16. SC.3/WP.3 may also wish to provide guidance to the CEVNI Expert Group.

The Working Party may wish to take note of the amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine (RPNR) adopted by CCNR in 2019 at its autumn session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/17), that may be used as a basis for updating CEVNI.

Following its decision at its fifty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/112, para. 48), SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue discussion of the application of the three-tone signal by vessels navigating by radar in reduced visibility, based on information from member States and River Commissions (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/18).

The Working Party may wish to consider and preliminarily approve the draft amendments to CEVNI 5 proposed by the CEVNI Expert Group at its thirty-second meeting held on 11 February 2020, back-to-back with its fifty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/19).

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the thirty-third meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group held on 23 June 2020, back-to-back with its fifty-seventh session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5 and Amends.1–3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/16, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/17, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/18 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/19

(b) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (resolution No. 61, revision 2)

Following its decision at its fifty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/112, para. 55), the Working Party may wish to consider the amendment proposal to the annex to resolution No. 61, revision 2, related to special provisions applicable to electric vessel propulsion, transmitted by Romania (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/25) and decide as appropriate.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider new amendment proposals to the annex to resolution No. 61, revision 2, transmitted by member States.

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the progress made in the Russian translation of the European Standard laying down technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (ES-TRIN), edition 2019, of the European Committee for drawing up standards in the field of inland navigation (CESNI).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2 and Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/3 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/25

(c) Prevention of pollution of inland waterways by vessels (resolution No. 21, revised)

Following the decision at its fifty-sixth session to continue updating of the appendix to resolution No. 21 “Reception facilities for the transfer of waste generated on board ships on European inland waterways” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/112, paras. 56–58), the Working Party may wish to consider the updates transmitted by member States and decide as appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/179/Rev.1, TRANS/SC.3/150 and Addenda 1–3,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/27

5. Workshop “Circular economy in inland water transport”.

Following the decision of the Working Party at its fifty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/112, para. 98), delegations are invited to take part in the workshop dedicated to the circular economy in inland water transport. The workshop will address ongoing work, developments and projects at the national, international and pan-European level, further steps and related issues.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/20

6. Automation in inland navigation

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-third session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/210, para. 67), the Working Party is invited to continue discussion on automation in inland navigation: (a) a follow-up of resolution No. 95, “Enhancing international cooperation to support the development of automation in inland navigation”, (b) the existing terms and definitions and (c) ongoing projects and activities in this field. In particular, SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the Position statement on autonomous shipping by the European Boating Association.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/211, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/26,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/28

7. Provisions for passenger daily trip vessels

The Working Party may wish to take note of the outcome of the CESNI Temporary working group on technical requirements for passenger vessels and consider the subsequent amendments to the draft special provisions for passenger daily trip vessels not exceeding 24 metres in length and authorized to carry up to a maximum of 150 passengers, prepared by the Confederation of European Maritime Technology Societies in 2019 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/18).

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue discussion on the various aspects related to passenger daily trip vessels, including traffic management systems, responsible authorities and traffic regulation rules and provide recommendations to SC.3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/210, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/112, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/18

8. Promotion of River Information Services and other Information and Communication Technologies in inland navigation

(a) International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (annex to resolution No. 63, revised)

The Working Party may wish to continue the discussion on updating resolution No. 63, revised, "International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT)" based on the revised appendices to the standard and the feedback from member States.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/21, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/22 and Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 14 (2019)

(b) International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (annex to resolution No. 79)

Following the decision at its fifty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/112, para. 83), the Working Party will be invited to discuss a proposal on updating the annex to resolution No. 63, International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/23) and decide as appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/198, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/23 and Informal document SC.3 No. 5 (2019)

(c) Other resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to River Information Services

The Working Party will be informed about any updates related to other resolutions relevant to River Information Services (RIS) and may wish to provide its guidance to the secretariat.

The Working Party may wish to exchange information about the implementation of RIS by governments and river commissions.

9. Mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation

Following its decisions at its fifty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/112, paras. 88, 91 and 92), the Working Party may wish to continue discussion on updating resolution No. 31, based on proposals from member States and other key stakeholders. For this purpose, SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider the standard for medical fitness for crew members on inland navigation vessels transmitted by CESNI (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/24) and provide guidance to the secretariat.

Member States and River Commissions are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 about recent progress in this field.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/184, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/108, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/9, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/10, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/11, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/12, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/13 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/24

10. Terms and definitions related to inland water transport

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-third session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/210, para. 98), the Working Party may wish to consider the proposal for a glossary of Terms and definitions related to inland water transport (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/29) and provide further guidance to the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/29

11. Recreational navigation

(a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (resolution No. 40, fourth revision)

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about updates to annex IV of resolution No. 40, revision 4 and the progress in developing the online database of specimens of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4 and Amends.1–2

(b) Activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the progress thus far of the group, in particular, the progress made in the development of test modules for the knowledge of CEVNI. The Working Party may wish to provide guidance on further activities of the group.

12. Other business

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, there was one proposal under this agenda item: updates on data collection on benchmarking of transport infrastructure construction costs of waterways and ports from the Group of Experts on Benchmarking of Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs (WP.5/GE.4).

13. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, SC.3/WP.3 will adopt the decisions taken at its fifty-seventh session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 24 June	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Agenda items 1–4
	3–6 p.m.	Agenda item 5
Thursday, 25 June	9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Agenda items 6–7
	2.30–5.30 p.m.	Agenda items 8–9
Friday, 26 June	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Agenda items 10–12
	3–6 p.m.	Agenda item 13