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Establishment of common principles and technical requirements for pan-European river information services (RIS): International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT)

Adoption of edition 1.2 of the VTT Standard

Transmitted by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine

1. The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) advised the secretariat that in April 2013 it adopted a revised version of the “Vessel Tracking and Tracing Standard for Inland Waterways”, edition 1.2.

2. The main differences between the standard adopted by CCNR and the text of the draft revised standard proposed by the Chair of the Expert Group on VTT, reproduced in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/14 are:

(a) Chapter 3 describing general requirements for AIS Class B stations used on inland waterways had been deleted in the CCNR standard. The reason for the deletion is that AIS Class B stations are regulated by respective maritime standards and have no specific function if they are used in inland navigation. CCNR intends to include conditions for use of AIS Class B stations into the provisions of article 4.07 of the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine (RPNR).

(b) The new section, 2.4.2.1 on “Reference point for reported position and overall dimensions of vessel or convoy” had been deleted in the CCNR standard. CCNR believes this information is misplaced in the VTT Standard itself. CCNR intends to include this information in the CCNR Technical Clarifications on Vessel Tracking and Tracing Standard for Inland Navigation, edition 1.01 and Test Standard for Inland AIS, edition 1.0, which is due for revision so as to add test standard provisions relating to digital interface sentences.

(c) References and terminology have been adapted to that of other CCNR documents and misprints rectified.