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## **Working Party on Inland Water Transport**

### **Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation**

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Mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates

and professional requirements in inland navigation:

Fourth meeting of the International Expert Group

## **Training principles for crew members of inland navigation vessels**

### **Transmitted by the Russian Federation**

The Russian Federation considers that the most important aspect in the crew members' training is two types of diplomas issued to graduates: not only diplomas certifying their theoretical knowledge but also certification of their working qualification.

The educational procedure is based on the federal state educational standards, including the theoretical knowledge, the skills acquired through simulators and practical training, as well as working experience as a crew member.

Furthermore, the certification procedure is used to confirm the experience and knowledge within a certain period. In accordance with the national legislation of Russia (the Code of Inland Water Transport, Article 27, The requirements for crew members), positions of officers and crew members may be granted only to persons holding diplomas and qualification certificates issued in accordance with the Regulations on Certification of Crew Members and approved by the federal executive body authorised by the Government of the Russian Federation.

These Regulations apply to the crews of vessels operating on the inland waterways of the Russian Federation with the main engine output at least 55 kW, non-self-propelled vessels with a tonnage at least 80 tons, and all passenger vessels and tankers registered in the National Ship Registry of the Russian Federation and having a Certificate of the right to navigate under the State Flag of the Russian Federation.

Crew members of vessels operating on the inland waterways of the Russian Federation are given diplomas for vessel officers and qualification certificates for ordinary crewmen.

Diplomas and qualification certificates are issued by the qualification commission following the results of the qualification tests.

Qualification tests are carried out in line with special programmes approved by the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation.

Certificates issued to crew members give them the right to occupy the corresponding position during 5 years since the date of issuing the diploma. Certified officers must attend post-graduation training courses approved by the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation followed by qualification tests at least every 5 years. The confirmation of the diploma is provided by a The qualification commission issues a diploma confirmation following the results of the qualification tests. Such confirmations are valid for not longer than 5 years.

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