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**Promotion of River Information Services as well as other Information and Communication Technologies in inland navigation:
International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (annex to resolution No. 63, revised)**

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

Note by the secretariat

Mandate

1. This document is submitted in line with the programme of work of the Transport subprogramme for 2020 (ECE/TRANS/2020/21, chapter IV, table, section A, para. 11) adopted by the Inland Transport Committee at its eighty-second session (ECE/TRANS/294, para 136).
2. At its fifty-sixth session and the virtual informal meeting held on 29–30 June 2020, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) discussed and preliminarily approved the amendment proposals to the International Standard for Tracking and Tracing (VTT) on Inland Waterways (the annex to resolution No. 63, revised), prepared in cooperation with the Chair of the International VTT Expert Group and asked the secretariat to transmit them to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) for the final adoption.
3. SC.3 may wish to adopt the revised International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways as an annex to resolution No. 63, revision 2. The draft resolution (without the revised annex) of SC.3 is contained in the annex to this document. The consolidated version of the revised standard is contained in Informal document SC.3 No. 2 (2020), based on the modifications proposed in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/21/Rev.1 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/22.

Annex

Amendments to resolution No. 63, “International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways”, revised

Resolution No. ...

(adopted by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport on ...)

The Working Party on Inland Water Transport,

Noting with satisfaction the progress reached in the development of River Information Services (RIS), as set out in the Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services adopted by the Inland Navigation Committee (InCom) of the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC) in 2019, in particular, Vessel Tracking and Tracing systems and Automatic Identification Systems (AIS),

Responding to the strategic recommendations set out in the Wroclaw Declaration and resolution No. 265 of 22 February 2019 of the Inland Transport Committee in relation to the development of RIS,

Responding also to Policy recommendation No. 5 of the UNECE White Paper on the progress, accomplishment and future of sustainable inland water transport (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/279) to promote the development and pan-European application of RIS and other information technologies,

Recognizing that safety and efficiency of vessel traffic and the protection of the environment could be further improved through the implementation of the harmonized standard for vessel tracking and tracing systems on inland waterways of all UNECE member States,

Bearing in mind the outcome of the work of the International Vessel Tracking and Tracing (VTT) Expert Group and the ongoing work of the European Commission and the European Committee for drawing up Standards in the field of Inland Navigation (CESNI) of updating the International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways,

Recalling its resolution No. 63, “International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT)”, adopted on 13 October 2006, as amended by resolution No. 82 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176/Rev.1),

Bearing in mind the reports of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation on its fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/112, para. 82, and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/114, para. ...),

1. *Decides* to replace the text of the annex to resolution No. 63, revised, with the text contained in the annex to this resolution,
 2. *Recommends* Governments, intergovernmental organizations, regional economic integration organizations, river commissions and private entities to apply the International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways reproduced in the annex to this resolution,
 3. *Invites* Governments to keep the secretariat informed of the measures taken with a view to the implementation of the International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways, specifying the inland waterways concerned,
 4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe to periodically include the question of application of this resolution in the agenda of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.
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