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Working Party on Inland Water Transport

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

Virtual informal meeting

Geneva, 29–30 June 2020

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the informal meeting*

To be held online starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 29 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) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book);
 - (b) Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E Waterway Network (resolution No. 49, revision 2).
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. 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).
6. Terms and definitions related to inland water transport.

* Delegates are requested to register online at the following address:
<https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=UlkDp9>.

7. Other business:
 - (a) Data collection on benchmarking of transport infrastructure construction costs of waterways and ports;
 - (b) Dates of the fifty-seventh session of the Working Party and modifications to the preliminary agenda.
8. Preparation of the minutes of the meeting.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

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 informal meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda (Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 11 (2020)), supplemented by the list of documents as set out in Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 12 (2020).

Documentation

Informal documents SC.3/WP.3 Nos. 11 and 12 (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.

Documentation

Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 13 (2020)

3. Inland waterways infrastructure

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

The Working Party may wish to consider and preliminarily approve 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).

Documentation

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

(b) 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 and preliminarily approve 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.

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.

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 and preliminarily approve 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.

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the finalization of 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.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider the proposal on types and categories of waste generated in board vessels (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/29) and provide guidance to the secretariat.

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,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/28, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/29

5. 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 and provide guidance to the secretariat on the finalization of the draft with a view to its adoption by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.

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)

6. 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 take note of the zero draft proposals for a glossary of Terms and definitions related to inland water transport prepared by the secretariat and provide further guidance to the secretariat. Participants are invited to confirm their participation in the correspondence group for the finalization of the draft.

Documentation

Informal documents SC.3/WP.3 Nos. 14 to 24 (2020)

7. Other business

A. Data collection on benchmarking of transport infrastructure construction costs of waterways and ports

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the current situation with the 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 by the secretary of the Group of Experts on Benchmarking of Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs (WP.5/GE.4).

B. Dates of the fifty-seventh session of the Working Party and modifications to the preliminary agenda

The participants may wish to agree on the modification of the dates of the fifty-seventh session of SC.3/WP.3 as 7 October 2020, back-to-back with sixty-fourth session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (morning session) in order to formally adopt decisions taken at this meeting. The participants may also wish to agree on the modifications to be introduced in the preliminary agenda of the fifty-seventh session of SC.3/WP.3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/113

8. Preparation of the draft minutes of the meeting

In accordance with the Guidance on the application of special procedures during the COVID-19 period,¹ SC.3/WP.3 will be invited to discuss the draft minutes of the meeting on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat. The adoption of the minutes will be subject to the silence procedure within ten working days.

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Monday, 29 June	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Agenda items 1–4
	3–6 p.m.	Agenda items 5–7
Tuesday, 30 June	10 a.m.–11.30 a.m.	Agenda item 8

¹ www.unece.org/info/about-unece/executive-committee-excom/meetings/2020/remote-informal-meeting-of-members-of-excom-20-may-2020.html.