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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Inland Water Transport

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

###### Fifty-eighth session

Geneva, 17–19 February 2021

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session\* \*\* \*\*\*

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday,  
17 February 2021

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Outcome of the sixty-fourth session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.
3. Workshop “Climate change and the extreme water situation on European waterways and its impact on inland water transport”.
4. 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).

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\* 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](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/wp3/wp3doc_2020.html).

\*\* All delegates are requested to register online at the following address: <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=RwdB0x>.

\*\*\* Participation is possible both in-person and virtually. To take part in the session in-person, delegates are kindly requested to additionally register at <https://indico.un.org/event/35228/>. Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (+41 22 917 2432) or by email ([sc.3@un.org](mailto:sc.3@un.org)). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, please visit [www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html](http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html).

5. 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);
  - (d) Modernization and greening of the inland waterway fleet in Europe.
6. Promotion of River Information Services and other Information and Communication Technologies in inland navigation:
  - (a) Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (annex to resolution No. 57, revised);
  - (b) Status of other resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to River Information Services;
  - (c) Other activities aimed at promoting the development of River Information Services in Europe.
7. Mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation.
8. Glossary of terms and definitions related to inland water transport.
9. Inland waterway statistics.
10. Digitalization of documents accompanying goods transported by inland waterway.
11. Recreational navigation.
12. Theme topic for the fifty-ninth session of the Working Party.
13. Other business.
14. 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-eighth 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. 1 (2021).

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/115, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 1 (2021)

### 2. Outcome of the sixty-fourth session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport

The Working Party will be informed about the main decisions taken by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) at its sixty-fourth session (7–9 October 2020).

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/213

### 3. Workshop “Climate change and the extreme water situation on European waterways and its impact on inland water transport”

Following the decision of the Working Party at its fifty-seventh session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/114, para. 44), delegations are invited to take part in the workshop dedicated to the impact of climate change and, in particular, of the low water phenomenon on inland navigation, possible ways for increasing the resilience of the sector to climate change and other relevant issues.

Participants are invited to take part in the round table discussions and share their experience and views on how to help overcome the existing and new challenges due to climate change and develop coping strategies to ensure a smooth functioning of inland navigation.

#### Documentation

Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 2 (2021).

### 4. 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)

Governments are invited to inform the Working Party about new amendment proposals 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

## **5. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation**

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

The Working Party may wish to consider and preliminarily approve:

- Draft amendments to the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), revision 5, proposed by the CEVNI Expert Group at its thirty-third, thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth meetings held online on 23 June, 2 October and 27 November 2020 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/1 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/2)
- Decisions of the thirty-sixth meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group to be held online in the end of January–beginning of February 2021 (Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 3 (2021)).

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider the following documents and provide guidance to the secretariat:

- Draft proposal for a new annex 12 “Model Waste Water Log” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/3)
- Draft addition to annex 8, chapter III “Marks on land indicating the position of the fairway”, based on the Basic Rules for Navigation on the Danube (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/4).

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/213, para. 40), SC.3/WP.3 may wish to exchange information about the application of distress signals and prohibition signs as contained on sketches 65–67 of annex 3 to CEVNI and decide as appropriate.

The Working Party may wish to consider the consolidated version of amendments to CEVNI, including amendments 1–4 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/5) and update this, if necessary.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to begin the discussion of the draft sixth revision of CEVNI, prepared by the CEVNI Expert Group (Informal document No. 4), and provide further guidance to the CEVNI Expert Group and the secretariat with a view to finalize and preliminarily approve the draft at its fifty-ninth session.

The Working Party may wish to take note of (a) the amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine (RPNR) and resolutions related to the COVID-19 crisis adopted by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine in 2018 at its spring session in 2020, and (b) the amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Mosel (RPNM) adopted by the Mosel Commission at its plenary session on 26 November 2020 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/6).

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5 and Amends.1–4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/6 and Informal documents SC.3/WP.3 Nos. 3 and 4 (2021)

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

The Working Party may wish to note that the amendments to the annex to resolution No. 61, revision 2, adopted by SC.3 at its sixty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/213, para. 48), are available on the SC.3 website as amendment No. 2.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue the discussion of a new draft chapter “Special provisions applicable to electric vessel propulsion” to the annex to resolution No. 61, based on the proposal by the Danube Commission and the feedback received by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/7 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/3).

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on aligning the annex to resolution No. 61 with the European Standard laying down technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (ES-TRIN), edition 2021, based on ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/7.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/7,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/3 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/7

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

The Working Party may wish to note that the list of reception facilities for transfer of waste generated on board vessels, adopted by SC.3 at its sixty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/213, para. 51), addendum to the annex to resolution No. 61, revision 2, adopted by SC.3 as resolution No. 98, is available on the SC.3 website as addendum 1 to the annex to resolution No. 21, revision 2. Governments are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 about additions or modifications to the list, if any.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to discuss the proposal on the additional categorization of waste generated on board inland navigation vessels (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/29) and decide as appropriate.

**Documentation**

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

**(d) Modernization and greening of the inland waterway fleet in Europe**

The Working Party will be informed about the recent achievements and the ongoing work in the sector aimed to promote the modernization and greening of inland waterway fleet, including the activities of the European Commission, the European committee for drawing up standards in the field of inland navigation (CESNI), outcome of the project GRENDDEL (Green and efficient Danube fleet) and other relevant information.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/8

**6. Promotion of River Information Services and other Information and Communication Technologies in inland navigation****(a) Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (annex to resolution No. 57, revised)**

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/213, para. 69), the Working Party may wish to begin the discussion on updating resolution No. 57, revised, “Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services” based on ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/9.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1 and Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/9

(b) **Status of other resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to River Information Services**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the current status of the resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to River Information Services (RIS), further work aimed to keep them as living instruments and provide guidance to the secretariat.

(c) **Other activities aimed at promoting the development of River Information Services in Europe**

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the CESNI RIS Week held online on 23-27 November 2020. Delegations are invited to exchange information about the implementation of RIS by governments and river commissions. SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider possibilities for facilitating the work aimed to promote the development of RIS.

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

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/213, para. 72), the Working Party may wish to start discussions on updating provisions of the annex to resolution No. 31 based on the standards for qualifications in inland navigation professional requirements, included in the European Standard for Qualification in Inland Navigation (ES-QIN) and national regulations of member States.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/184, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/10

**8. Glossary of terms and definitions related to inland water transport**

The Working Party will be informed about the progress made in the development of the Glossary of terms and definitions related to inland water transport. SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider comments on the draft, if any, and to provide its guidance to the secretariat.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/14, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/16

**9. Inland waterway statistics**

The Working Party may wish to start discussion on the proposal for an E waterway census, presented by the secretariat at the sixty-fourth session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/213, paras. 90 and 91) and provide guidance to the secretariat.

**10. Digitalization of documents accompanying goods transported by inland waterway**

The Working Party will be informed about the progress reached in the development of a data set for electronic documents accompanying goods transported by inland waterways aligned with UN/CEFACT standards of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) and reference data models under the UNDA COVID-19 response project "Transport and Trade Connectivity in the Age of Pandemics" (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/213, paras. 92–94). SC.3/WP.3 may wish to provide guidance on further steps and discuss possibilities to collaborate with UN/CEFACT.

## 11. Recreational navigation

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

### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4

## 12. Theme topic for the fifty-ninth session of the Working Party

The Working Party may wish to decide on a theme topic for its fifty-ninth session.

## 13. Other business

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, there were no proposals under this item.

## 14. Adoption of the report

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

## III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 17 February	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Agenda items 1–3
	3–6 p.m.	Agenda item 3
Thursday, 18 February	9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Agenda items 4–5
	2.30–5.30 p.m.	Agenda items 7–9
Friday, 19 February	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Agenda items 10–13
	3–6 p.m.	Agenda item 14