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###### **Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation: European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 5)**

## **Amendment proposal to article 10.06 and a draft of a new annex 12 “Model Waste Water Log” to the European Code for Inland Waterways**

### Note by the secretariat

### Mandate

1. This document is submitted in line with the Proposed Programme Budget for 2021, part V, Regional cooperation for development, section 20, Economic Development in Europe. Programme 17, Economic Development in Europe (A/75/6 (Sect.20), para. 20.51).
2. At its thirty-third meeting, the CEVNI<sup>1</sup> Expert Group discussed the amendment proposals to article 10.06 and a new annex 12 to CEVNI, aimed to an illegal discharge of domestic waste water and sludge from on-board sewage plants, and asked the secretariat to transmit the proposal to the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3).
3. The proposed amendments, the background and the decisions of the CEVNI Expert Group are contained in the annex to this document. SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider the proposed modifications to CEVNI and decide as appropriate.

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<sup>1</sup> European Code for Inland Waterways.

## Annex

### **Amendment proposals to article 10.06 and a draft of a new annex 12 “Model Waste Water Log”**

#### **I. Background**

1. The increased number of passenger vessels in Europe in recent years has brought to numerous complaints of an illegal discharge of domestic waste water and sludge from on-board sewage plants into the waterway. It is difficult to prove the illegal nature of such discharge, as there is no obligation to record the delivery of waste water and sludge to the reception facilities.

2. The discharge of sludge from on-board sewage plants is forbidden according to article 10.04, paragraph 1, of CEVNI. In relation to the discharge of domestic waste water from vessels into the waterway, there is no international regulation which allows this. In some sensitive areas, the discharge of domestic waste water is forbidden, and in other areas certain limits are applied for the number of persons on board and by means of transitional provisions for the existing vessels. Article 10.02 of CEVNI stipulates that “the provisions on water protection and disposal of waste in effect for the waterway concerned must also be applied”. The requirements for facilities for collecting and storing domestic waste water on board vessels are set out in the annex to resolution No. 61, revision 2, and the European Standard laying down Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation vessels (ES-TRIN), however, the equipment of vessels with facilities for collecting and storing domestic waste water is subject to the technical regulations applied by the competent authorities and transitional provisions.

3. A used oil log in accordance with article 10.06 of CEVNI is an efficient tool for minimizing an illegal discharge of used oil into the waterway. A similar approach has been applied in paragraph 8.1.11 of the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways, which requires to maintain a register of operations during the carriage of petrol in tank vessels. Therefore, Austria has proposed to the CEVNI Expert Group to consider the introduction of a waste water log to CEVNI, aimed to minimize an illegal discharge and facilitate inspections. This document, issued by a competent authority, could be used as a proof of delivery of domestic waste water to reception facilities, while the local regulations would define the cases when domestic waste water can be discharged into the water. In order to prevent unnecessary administrative burdens, an entry in the waste water log could be replaced by a respective document issued by a reception facility.

4. At its thirty-second and thirty-third meetings, the CEVNI Expert Group discussed the amendment proposal and decided to transmit this for the consideration of SC.3/WP.3. The Group mentioned that this provision would apply to vessels equipped with waste water collection tanks and vessels with on-board sewage plants and should not apply to small craft and sports or pleasure craft at the pan-European level. The proposal has also been transmitted to the secretariat of the Convention on Collection, Deposit and Reception of Waste Produced during Navigation on the Rhine and Inland Waterways (CDNI).

5. SC.3/WP.3 may wish to discuss the proposal prepared by Austria and modified according to the decision of the CEVNI Expert Group as given below. SC.3/WP.3 may also wish to consider the proposal of the Danube Commission to combine the waste water log with the used-oil log as set out in annex 9.

## II. Proposed amendments to the European Code for Inland Waterways

### A. Amendment proposal to article 10.06 “Used-oil log, deposit at reception facilities”

6. Article 10.06:

(a) Title, *modify*

Used-oil log, **waste water log**, deposit at reception facilities

(b) Paragraph 4, *modify*

4. **Domestic waste water collected in waste water collection tanks**, household refuse and sludge shall be deposited at reception facilities specially designated for this purpose.

(c) *Add new paragraphs 5–7:*

5. All vessels with on-board sewage plants and all vessels with waste water collection tanks, except small craft and sports or pleasure craft, shall carry on board a valid waste water log issued by a competent authority and in line with the model contained in annex 12. Following its renewal, the previous log must be kept on board for at least six months after the last entry made. Exceptions are admissible only if consistent with the provisions on water protection and disposal of waste generated on board vessels in effect for the waterway concerned. The provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 above shall also apply to domestic waste water collected in on-board waste water collection tanks and sludge.

6. Entries in the waste water log may be replaced by other documents issued by the reception facility, if they contain the required information:

(a) [Type of vessel,]

(b) [Name of vessel or]

(c) Unique European Vessel Identification Number or official number,

(d) Waste water from on-board waste water collection tanks in litres,

(e) Sludge from on-board waste water sewage plants in litres,

(f) Date and place,

(g) Seal and signature of the reception facility.

7. Seal and signature of the reception facility in the waste water log can be replaced by the name and the signature of the boatmaster, if domestic waste water from a waste water collection tank is discharged into an appropriate public sewage system.

**B. Proposal for a new annex 12 “Model waste water log”**

7. Add a new annex 12

**Annex 12  
MODEL WASTE WATER LOG**

Page 1

	Order No. _____
Type of vessel	Name of vessel
Unique European Vessel Identification Number or official number:	_____
Place of issue:	_____
Date of issue:	_____
This log contains	_____ pages.
Seal and signature of the authority issuing the log	

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**Issuance of waste water logs**

The first waste water log, carrying order number 1 on page 1, shall be issued by a competent authority on presentation of a valid inspection certificate or another certificate recognized as its equivalent. This authority shall also enter the required particulars on page 1.

All subsequent logs, which are to be numbered sequentially, shall be by a competent authority. However, they shall be issued only upon presentation of the previous log. The previous log shall be stamped indelibly with the words “Not valid”. Following its renewal, the previous log shall be kept on board for at least six months from the date of the last entry.

Entries in the waste water log may be replaced by other documents issued by the reception facility, if they contain the required information:

- (a) [Type of vessel,]
- (b) [Name of vessel or]
- (c) Unique European Vessel Identification Number or official number,
- (d) Waste water from on board waste water collection tanks in l,
- (e) Sludge from on board waste water sewage plants in l,
- (f) Date and place,
- (g) Seal and signature of the reception facility.

Page 3 and following

<b>1. Accepted waste water and sludge:</b>	
1.1 Waste water from on-board waste water collection tanks:	_____ 1
1.2 Sludge from on-board waste water sewage plants:	_____ 1
1.3 Other waste:	
_____	
_____	
_____	
<b>2. Notes:</b>	
2.1 Unaccepted waste:	_____
2.2 Other comments:	_____
Place:	Date:
_____	
Seal and signature of the reception facility	

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