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Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation: European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 6)

Amendment proposals to the European Code for Inland Waterways

Note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. This document is submitted in line with the Proposed Programme Budget for 2022, part V, Regional cooperation for development, section 20, Economic Development in Europe, Programme 17, Economic Development in Europe (A/76/6 (Sect.20), para. 20.76).
2. At its sixty-fifth session, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) adopted the sixth revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI). However, a number of outstanding proposals for amending the CEVNI provisions have been left for the consideration by the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) and the CEVNI Expert Group after the adoption of the revised CEVNI.
3. SC.3/WP.3 may wish to come back to these proposals and provide guidance to the CEVNI Expert Group and the secretariat for further work on CEVNI.

II. Outstanding proposals for amendments to the European Code for Inland Waterways

4. The proposals that have not been considered or finalized by SC.3/WP.3, include:
 - (a) Proposals that require further consideration by SC.3/WP.3;
 - (b) Amendments to the Police Regulations and for the Navigation of the Rhine (RPNR) and the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Mosel (RPNM) adopted in 2020–2021 and resolutions adopted by the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the

Convention on Collection, Deposit and Reception of Waste Produced during Navigation on the Rhine and Inland Waterways (CDNI) on 22 June 2021, and

(c) Other proposals made after the finalization of the draft CEVNI 6 by SC.3/WP.3 in June 2021.

A. Proposals that require further consideration by the Working Party

5. The amendment proposal for a model waste water log in article 10.06 and annex 12, aimed at preventing an illegal discharge of waste water generated on board inland vessels into the waterway (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/3). At its fifty-ninth session, SC.3/WP.3 asked the secretariat to continue informing it about the feedback from the CDNI secretariat and the Danube Commission (DC) and decided to continue discussion at its future sessions (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/118, paragraph 39).

6. Possible revision of the CEVNI provision for the recommended frequency range of sound signals, as such equipment is not easily available on the market. The CEVNI Expert Group began to exchange opinions on this issue at its thirty-second meeting (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/1, paragraph 22 of the annex and the appendix).

7. The language that should be used in communication between ship stations and shore stations. At its thirty-fourth meeting, the CEVNI Expert Group recommended SC.3/WP.3 to consider this issue and make an analysis of the current practice of the languages used in communication between ship stations and shore stations in member States with a view to elaborating recommendations (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/1, annex I, paragraph 11 (b)).

8. Possible modification of the term “Ship Station Licence” based on the decision of the Committee of the Regional Arrangement Concerning the Radio Communications on Inland Waterways (RAINWAT), as mentioned in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/1, annex II, paragraph 6.

9. Possible modifications to CEVNI based on articles 8.01, 8.02, 8.05–8.08 and 8.10 of RPNR. The CEVNI Expert Group at its thirty-fifth session asked the secretariat to include this item for the consideration into the agenda of its future sessions and to prepare a working document (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/1, annex II, paragraph 12).

10. Proposal for harmonized types and categories of waste generated as a result of the operation of the vessel aimed to facilitate its separate collection, efficient recycling and reuse (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/29). At its fifty-seventh session, SC.3/WP.3 invited member States and river commissions to provide their comments to the proposal and decided to wait for comments from Contracting Parties to CDNI and DC member States (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/114, paragraphs 28 and 29).

B. Amendments to the Police Regulations and for the Navigation of the Rhine, the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Mosel and the Convention on Collection, Deposit and Reception of Waste Produced during Navigation on the Rhine and Inland Waterways

11. In 2020–2021, the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) and the Mosel Commission (MC) transmitted to SC.3/WP.3 the recently adopted amendments to RPNR and RPNM. SC.3/WP.3 decided to come back to them after the adoption of CEVNI 6. They are contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/17, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/6 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2021/15.

12. At its meeting on 22 June 2021, the Conference of the Contracting Parties to CDNI adopted several resolutions which may be of interest for the work of the CEVNI Expert

Group on updating chapter 10 “Prevention of pollution of water and disposal of waste generated on board vessels”:¹

(a) Resolution CDNI 2021-I-5 “Part B: Use of the CDNI unloading certificate in electronic format. Amendment of article 6.03, paragraph 1, of the CDNI Implementing Regulations;

(b) Resolution CDNI 2021-I-6 “Part C: Amendment to articles 8.02 and 9.01 of the CDNI Implementing Regulations in order to take into account passenger vessels with more than 12 passengers and cabin passenger vessels with more than 12 sleeping berths”;

(c) Resolution CDNI 2021-I-7 “Part C: International harmonization for the household waste and standardization of the used pictograms: Amendment to article 9.03 and the guidelines”.

C. Other amendment proposals

13. Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-fourth session to make an assessment of SC.3 resolutions in terms of preparedness for pandemics and similar situations (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/213, paragraph 17), the secretariat prepared a proposal for possible modifications to CEVNI for the sixty-fifth session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2021/2, paragraph 11):

Special provisions could be introduced to (a) article 1.22, which contains provisions for special temporary requirements issued by a competent authority in special circumstances to ensure safe and orderly navigation, and (b) chapter 7 “Berthing rules”, in case the general principles of berthing cannot be fully applied or the application of certain navigation signs is restricted.

14. New editorial modifications proposed by the secretariat:

- Article 1.02, paragraph 4, first sentence

Replace his with their

- Article 1.03, paragraph 1, first sentence

Replace his with the boatmaster’s

- Article 1.16:

Paragraph 1

Replace his with his or her

Paragraph 2

Replace his with their

- Article 3.07, the title *should read*

Prohibited use of lamps, searchlights, boards, flags or other objects

- Article 8.02, paragraph 3, second sentence

Replace his with their.

¹ The text of the resolutions is available in French, German and Dutch at <https://www.cdni-iwt.org/presentation-de-la-cdni/reglementation/>.